



2020 BIEN NACIDO PINOT NOIR

Bien Nacido is one of Santa Maria's most legendary sites. Despite its close proximity to Presqu'ile, it makes vastly different wines from our Estate, and we were compelled to explore these differences by crafting our own expression of Bien Nacido. The vineyard's rocky soils make for a dense, fruit driven, structured rendition of Pinot Noir, with notes ripe berries and an undertone of "Santa Maria Spice."

VINTAGE NOTES

2020 was a vintage that kept everyone on their toes. The growing season began early and was marked with a very mild spring with below average rainfall. June and July were pretty standard and we anticipated a very solid harvest. That was until we saw a dramatic heat spike on Labor Day which was followed a few weeks later with another historic heat spike. Managing pick dates was essential and we were able to produce some exceptional wines in 2020. You will notice the wines to be more fruit forward and accessible at an early age.

HARVEST Sept 4, 2020

VARIETY 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD 100% Bien Nacido

SOIL Elder Series, Sandy Loam

FARMING Sustainable

ABV 13.5%

FERMENTATION Native Yeast

ELEVAGE 11 months in French Oak (10% new), 6 months in Stainless Steel

94 POINTS - Antonio Galloni

The 2020 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard is a dark, mysterious wine. Black cherry, plum, lavender and licorice bring out the darker side of Mt. Eden clone Pinot Noir from Santa Maria. A Pinot of substance and textural resonance, the Bien Nacido is super-impressive in 2020. The 30% whole clusters are impeccably balanced. This is a fine showing from Presqu'ile.

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Located in the heart of the Santa Maria Valley, Presqu'ile Winery produces cool-climate wines from a variety of organic and sustainably-farmed vineyard plots that span nearly 30 hectares across Santa Barbara County. Each wine produced at Presqu'ile is a direct reflection of a specific vineyard site's variety, vintage, and unique climate conditions. All wines crafted at Presqu'ile are vinified with a minimalist mentality in the cellar, with the pursuit of terroir-reflection, purity, and delicious drinkability placed first.