

2013 SYRAH
ZB
BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
SANTA MARIA VALLEY



From the highly coveted Z Block of the famed Bien Nacido Vineyard, towering above the appellation as the original hillside block. Blackberry, Tellicherry peppercorn and olive tapenade make their entry on the nose, then wrap around a dense iron core with thick layers of currant, wild anise and rich bramble fruit on a deep, juicy finish. \$48

- Clone Estrella from Block Zb, planted in a natural hillside basin in 1995
- Soils Los Osos well drained clay loam underlain by fine-grained sandstone and shale at a depth of 20-40 inches, with 15% - 30% slopes
- Hand harvested, cold fruit from first morning pick – October 24, 2013
- Low vineyard yield 1 ton per acre – 25° Brix
- Fermented in small open top tanks
- 4 day cold soak, 14 day fermentation, peak temperature 81°
- Hand punched down many times daily as needed
- Pressed off just dry, tank settled then racked to small French oak barrels for 22 months aging
- Once the fresh wine is transferred from the press pan, all moving of the wine is done with inert gas pressure. When handling the wine, care is taken at all opportunities to avoid shear.
- Wine analysis – 14.6% Alcohol, .74 TA, 3.39 pH

The Bien Nacido Vineyard is located in the Santa Maria Valley on the South Central Coast of California, just east of Santa Maria. The topography of the valley features transverse ranges with an east/west orientation, opening up to the Pacific Ocean. The climate is strongly influenced by the ocean providing ideal temperate growing conditions for Syrah. Early spring warming, mild summer temperatures and late arriving cold fall temperatures provide a long growing season for the development of rich color along with concentrated and complex flavors.

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