

BIANCHI

2020 CHARDONNAY

VINEYARD & VINTAGE

For this 2020 vintage of our Reserve Chardonnay, we were fortunate enough to acquire grapes from one of the most prestigious vineyards in California, Bien Nacido Vineyard. Purchased by the Miller family in 1969, what is now Bien Nacido Vineyard began as the shared vision of two brothers—Bob and Steve Miller: to develop a vineyard that would be acknowledged as among the elite vineyards of the world. Four years of hard work and sweat equity led to the original vineyard plantings—300 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in 1973.

Since then, under the Miller Family's stewardship, Bien Nacido Vineyard has become one of the most coveted sources of cool-climate Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah in California, if not the world. Celebrated as the most single vineyard-designated site in the world, the combination of remarkable terroir and an incredibly dedicated team who cares for the land, enables Bien Nacido's legacy of exceptional winemaking and grape-growing to further grow with each passing vintage.

Due to wildfires, 2020 was a tough year to grow grapes in California. Luckily, this Chardonnay was picked before the smoke settled into the Santa Maria Valley, and extended hangtime on the vines resulted in ultra-concentrated fruit. This wine was fermented entirely in French oak, and half underwent malolactic fermentation, giving it a soft and creamy finish.

TASTING & PAIRING

Appearance: Clear, Pale yellow, fresh & vibrant color

Aroma: aromatic, floral, fresh citrus, tropical, mineral, butter & toast. Toasted oak, citrus and tropical notes dominate the nose.

Flavor: Off-dry, light body, floral, fresh & tart citrus, apple, tropical flavors, mineral, butter & toast. Hints of brioche and crème brûlée.

This exceptional wine has a fresh and vibrant pale yellow hue, and toasted oak, citrus and tropical notes dominate the nose. Its light body and off-dry quality complement delicate flavors of fresh tropical fruit, tart citrus and apple, and soothing hints of freshly baked brioche and decadent crème brûlée.



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay
Aging: 11 months, 60% new French oak
Clone: 5
Vineyard: Bien Nacido Vineyard
Appellation: Santa Maria Valley
Acidity: 3.3 pH
ABV: 14.5%
Production: 332 cases
Harvest Date: 10/16/20
Bottling Date: 09/07/21



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