



2010 Bien Nacido Pinot Noir

Santa Maria Valley

The Vineyard

The Bien Nacido Vineyard lies at the Northern end of Santa Barbara County on elevated bench lands in the Santa Maria Valley, just 17 miles from the Pacific Ocean and buffeted by the Sierra Madre Mountains. The soil is well-drained sandy loam from the Elder Shale and Pleasanton series. This area is considered one of the coolest growing regions in California. Cool sunny days are coupled with chilly evenings influenced by the maritime fog. The long sunny days give the grapes intense fruit flavors, while the cool climate develops complex, earthy and herbal flavors. This location, when combined with the climate, creates a sanctuary ideal for Pinot Noir.

The Growers

Stephen and Ladeen Miller, a fourth generation California farming family, run Bien Nacido, along with their son, Nicholas. The Miller family planted The Bien Nacido Vineyards in the early 1970s to “set the standard for ultra-premium, cool-climate wine grape cultivation in California.” Our winemaker, Dennis Martin, has had a relationship with the Miller family for decades, dating back nearly to their first planting of Pinot Noir in 1973. The name Bien Nacido derives from the Spanish defined as “born well,” and these vineyards certainly live up to their name by producing legendary and distinctive Pinot Noir.

Tasting Notes

The 2010 Sanctuary Pinot Noir offers a complex range of red fruits, with cherry and raspberry. Fresh and snappy with ripe, vibrant black cherry, wild berry and red plum flavors. In the mouth displays a lively acidity, juicy and succulent on the finish.

Harvest Dates

Sep. 16th and Sep. 28th

Varietal Content	Alcohol %	Residual Sugar	Total Acidity	pH	Total Production
100% Pinot Noir	14.20%	0.11%gr/100ml	0.7gr/100ml	3.31	749, 9L Cases