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## *Bien Nacido Vineyard*

2022 · CHARDONNAY

SANTA MARIA VALLEY

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WINEMAKER	JOEY TENSELY
YIELD	3.5 TONS PER ACRE
CASES	615
ALCOHOL	13.7%
PH	3.45
TA	6.3 g/L

### VINEYARD & TERROIR

FROM THE RENOWNED BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD CRAFTED FROM BLOCK I - CLONE 4 & BLOCK II - CLONE 76 AND MT EDAN. FLAT TO A SLIGHTLY UNDULATING BLOCKS ON THE LOWER BENCH. ALLUVIAL SOIL. CONSISTENT COASTAL WINDS. NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST ROW DIRECTION. WINES FROM THIS SECTION TEND TO CARRY A TROPICAL NOTE WITH GOOD ACIDITY.

### COMPOSITION

100% CHARDONNAY

### AGING

AGED 11 MONTHS IN 25% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

### AROMATICS

THIS CHARDONNAY HAS A STRONG CITRUSY SCENT, DOMINATED BY ZESTY LEMON WITH SUBTLE HINTS OF ORANGE, MAKING IT REFRESHING AND INVIGORATING. THERE'S ALSO A TOUCH OF INTRIGUING BROWN SPICE AND WET STONE NOTES, REMINISCENT OF A DEW-KISSED RIVERBANK. TO ADD A CREAMY AND SWEET ELEMENT, YOU'LL DETECT HINTS OF CRÈME BRÛLÉE, WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL AROMATIC PROFILE.

### PALATE

THE PALATE OPENS WITH A LUSH PRESENCE OF STONE FRUIT, WITH NOTES OF RIPE PEACHES AND APRICOTS. THE BRIGHT ACIDITY LENDS A REFRESHING AND LIVELY QUALITY TO THE WINE, PROVIDING A PERFECT BALANCE TO THE FRUITY RICHNESS AND ENDING WITH A LONG-LASTING FINISH.