



Bien Nacido Vineyard

2022 • Chardonnay

Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County



Winemaker: Joey Tensely

Cases: 615

Ph: 3.45

Alcohol: 13.9%

Yield: 3.5 tons per acre

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.

Accolades

Wine Enthusiast – **93 points**

Vinous – **91 points**

Jeb Dunnuck – **91 points**

JamesSuckling – **93 points**

International Wine Report – **93 points**

The Tasting Panel - **92 points**