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2009 SANTA MARIA VALLEY PINOT NOIR BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD

BEN & DAN'S NOTES

Our 2009 Bien Nacido Pinot Noir has a vibrant ruby color with blue highlights and an extraordinarily complex nose of fresh strawberries, wild raspberries, wet slate and fresh spring rose petals. This wine has astounding breadth and depth on the palate and an ever-expanding explosion of juicy red-berry fruit and fresh cut flowers. It has an extremely long finish gently cradled by a fine tannic structure.

RELEASE DATE: April 30, 2011

VINEYARD

Our 2009 Bien Nacido Pinot Noir is our first vineyard designated Pinot Noir bottling. The fruit was sourced from blocks 1, 7 and 9, all organically farmed hillside plantings from this classic Santa Maria Valley vineyard.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2009 vintage was a near perfect Pinot Noir season. The winter rainfall was low, but a 3-inch rain in early May promoted vigorous vine growth. Summer was moderate with plenty of cooling fog and a few days in July topping 100°F. A warming trend in August culminated in an unusual heat spell that enabled the fruit to reach ideal maturity.

WINEMAKING

In the cellar, we fermented blocks separately to allow the greatest expression of each vineyard. The fruit was night-harvested and rigorously sorted. After a 7 day cold soak, indigenous yeast fermentations were allowed to reach temperatures as high as 90°F. Each wine lot was handled as an individual: the percentage of whole clusters, number of punchdowns, fermentation temperature and date of pressing were decided based on daily tastings of each open-top tank. Malolactic fermentation started in tank and finished in barrel. The wine was aged for 15 months sur lies in 100% French Burgundy barrels, 35% new.

HARVEST DATE: September 4th and 14th

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

TA: 0.57

PH: 3.49

CASE PRODUCTION: 1,100