



2010 SINGLE VINEYARD
BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
SANTA MARIA VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

TWOMEY

BEN AND DAN'S NOTES:

Our 2010 Twomey Bien Nacido Pinot Noir has a red-ruby color and an expressive, complex nose of fresh rose petals, fresh crushed cranberries and wild strawberries with a subtle hint of rosemary. This wine expresses extraordinary freshness on the palate with a fruit-sweet attack, a luscious mid-palate redolent of forest berry fruits with fine grained tannins and a long clean finish.

VINEYARDS:

Bien Nacido Vineyard - The backbone of this wine comes from Blocks 1, 7 and 9, all organically farmed hillside plantings. This is the first vintage we received grapes from Block N, one of the original 1972 plantings of own-rooted Martini clone, a vineyard practice rare anywhere in the world.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION:

Bien Nacido experienced a growing season that was very different from our Northern California Pinot Noir vineyards. Winter was short and budbreak occurred in late February and early March. This early start to the growing season tracked through to harvest. July and August were cool and foggy, due to the dominant sea breeze. Weather warmed significantly in mid-September and brought the fruit to ideal maturity with beautiful skin ripeness, fresh acidity and well-developed phenolics.

HARVEST DATES: *September 22nd – September 29th*

BARRELS: *French Burgundy, 35% new, 65% once-used*

BARREL AGING: *15 months sur lies*

ALCOHOL: *13.5%*

TA: *0.63*

pH: *3.50*

CASE PRODUCTION: *1,100 cases*

RELEASE DATE: *September 29, 2012*

