



TWOMEY

2012 BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR SANTA MARIA VALLEY

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2012 Twomey Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir is a layered, harmonious wine that expresses the varied exposures and soils of this amazing vineyard site. It has a very dark, cherry-red color and a nose of black plum, black cherry, blonde tobacco and peppermint. The entry is remarkably complex with balanced notes of fruit and roasted grains. It is full bodied, yet delicate, and has an extremely long finish with fine-grained tannins. Given proper cellaring, this wine will give drinking pleasure through 2027.

NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

The 2012 season was an ideal vintage: consistent moderate temperatures ripened a bountiful crop. Mid-spring precipitation filled soil profiles and typical Central Coast mild spring temperatures led to a normal and even budbreak in early March. The weather conditions that followed in May, and that would extend through September, can only be described as superb. Periodic breaks in the normally ubiquitous fog of the area reduced the pressure of mildew and botrytis outbreaks, while the mild afternoon temperatures created optimal conditions for berry and cluster development. Throughout August, warm afternoon temperatures ripened the balanced crop, while cool foggy mornings retained berry acidity. The wines produced from this renowned vineyard reveal a real sense of balance between structure and ripeness.

HARVEST DATES:

September 9 - 16, 2012

BARRELS:

French Burgundy Barrels, 40% new

BARREL AGING:

13 months sur lies

ALCOHOL:

13.7%

RELEASE DATE:

SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

CASE PRODUCTION:

1,743