

PALI WINE CO

'Bien Nacido Vineyard' Pinot Noir No 2018

About our 'Bien Nacido Vineyard' Pinot Noir: Bien Nacido Vineyard is an apex of viticultural excellence in the Santa Maria Valley, renowned for its impeccable quality and distinctive character. Its strategic location atop the Santa Maria Bench affords it the advantage of cool coastal breezes and an extended growing season, fostering the slow maturation of grapes and the consequent development of complex flavors. Of the vineyard's diverse array of grape varieties, its Pinot Noir commands reverence.

The old Pinot Noir vines of Bien Nacido Vineyard are own-rooted, an exceptional practice that yields a pure and unadulterated manifestation of the grape and the singular terroir that nurtures it. The absence of rootstock influence liberates the vines to express themselves uninhibitedly, unfurling a tapestry of flavors and aromas that are impossible to impersonate anywhere else in the world.

We had the opportunity to work with Bien Nacido Vineyard on a few acres of their exquisite Pinot Noir, a decision that came with ease as we were delighted to be affiliated with such an esteemed establishment. We take pride in our contribution to the heritage of exceptional Pinot Noirs bearing the distinguished "Bien Nacido" name.

Our Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir was aged for 18 months in a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels, with approximately 50% comprising new barrels. The resulting Pinot Noir has a balanced and harmonious integration of oak-derived flavors and aromas, while still allowing the unique characteristics of the grape and terroir to shine through.

Tasting Notes: Our Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir is pale ruby in color, with hints of garnet. The nose is fragrant and complex, with notes of ripe cherries, red berries, earthy spices, and a subtle hint of vanilla from the oak aging. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied and silky, with flavors that echo the nose, including bright red fruit and a touch of spice. The wine is well-balanced, with lively acidity and gentle tannins that provide structure and depth. The finish is long and satisfying, with lingering notes of fruit and oak.

ABV: 14.8%

AVA: Santa Maria Valley

Total Production: 150 cases



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Dark-plum, forest-berry, sage, incense and turned earth aromas converge on the nose of this bottling. The palate is softer in texture, offering frankincense and dark-plum flavors.

Matt Kettmann, Wine Enthusiast Magazine