

# MIGRATION<sup>®</sup>

## 2011 SANTA MARIA VALLEY PINOT NOIR- BIEN NACIDO VINEYARDS

Defined by the idea of movement, Migration is dedicated to exploring Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions to create wines that highlight lush fruit, bright acidity and impeccably balance oak. Established in 1973, Bien Nacido has earned a reputation as one of California's premier vineyards. Planted in the low-vigor soils of the Santa Maria Valley, the vines face the full force of the wind and fog off the Pacific. The result is a Pinot Noir that balances richness and elegance with blackberry and ripe strawberry flavors underscored by enlivening acidity and notes of green tea and spice.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The 2011 growing season was one of the coolest in memory. To counteract uneven vine growth due to unusual spring weather, we did meticulous green thinning. We also gently opened up the canopy to expose the fruit, were judicious in our picking schedule, and sorted meticulously both in the vineyards and winery. The majority of our Pinot Noir came in before the October rains. The resulting wines are bright and elegant with slightly lower alcohols, lovely aromatics, natural acidity and pure fruit flavors.

### COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

With its concentrated black currant, huckleberry, black pepper, graphite and incense aromatics, Bien Nacido offers a deep and nuanced expression of Pinot Noir. On the palate, it is long and supple with layers of richness and acidity that will only get even more complex and interesting with age.

### VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

### HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Date: September 12, 2011  
Average Sugar at Harvest: 23.9° Brix  
1 Vineyard Harvested

### COOPERAGE

100% French Oak  
60% New Oak, 40% Second Vintage  
Barrel Aging: 14 Months

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13.8%  
0.51 g/100 ml titratable acidity  
pH: 3.65

Bottled: February 2013  
Release Date: September 2013

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