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2018 SANTA MARIA VALLEY CHARDONNAY BIEN NACIDO VINEYARDS

Highlighting lush, layered flavors, bright acidity and impeccably balanced French oak, Migration is dedicated to crafting wines from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions. Established in 1973, Bien Nacido has earned a reputation as one of California's premier vineyards. Our prized blocks include original 1973 plantings, as well as vines planted in 1991. Grown in soils with abundant limestone, these older vines produce a gorgeous

Chardonnay with complex minerality, a lovely texture and multilayered citrus and orange

blossom flavors.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season in Santa Barbara County provided a summer that alternated between mild and warm, with a cool autumn that allowed the grapes to remain on the vine until they reached ideal ripeness. While the quality of the grapes was phenomenal, our overall yields for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were down due to the extremely small size of the clusters and berries. The majority of our fruit was harvested in late September, yielding wines with beautifully balanced acidity, exceptional weight and texture, and complex varietal flavors. Overall, it was a fantastic harvest and an absolutely stellar vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The famed Bien Nacido Vineyard has once again yielded a radiant Chardonnay with bright acidity and beautiful aromas of Meyer lemon, Fuji apple and fresh-cut straw. On the palate, a touch of sweet French oak adds depth to the citrus and orchard fruit flavors, with a rich, harmonious structure carrying the wine to a long resonant finish.

WINEMAKING

appellation	Santa Maria Valley		
vineyard	Bien Nacido Vineyards		
varietal composition	100% Chardonnay	alcohol	13.9%
oak profile & aging	Aged 10 months in 100% French oak 38% new	pН	3.30
key coopers	D&J Selection 4, François Frères, Rousseau	acidity	0.65g/100ml
selection	6 barrel selection	malolactic	75%
soils	shale	fermentation	
clones	Clone 4		