



CALERA

2016 Bien Nacido Pinot Noir

Calera's Bien Nacido wines are made from grapes grown off the famed Bien Nacido Vineyard known for its cool climate and coastal influence.

In the Vineyards

After five years of drought, we welcomed a return to normal winter rainfall in 2016. These early season rains replenished the vineyards to begin a near-ideal growing season. After a warm spring led to an early budbreak, summer seemed to arrive quickly on the Central Coast. While we had abundant warmth in July and August, cool evenings allowed the grapes to mature perfectly, and harvest commenced in mid-August. While the grapes were small and dense, good-sized clusters delivered yields close to our annual averages. As a result, our 2016 Pinot Noirs are beautifully balanced, yet intense, while our Chardonnays are bright, crisp and flavorful.

Comments from the Winemaker

This wine was made as a barrel selection of Calera's finest lots of Pinot Noir from the famed Bien Nacido Vineyard. The result is a dazzling Pinot Noir, with layers of black cherry, blackberry, anise and black pepper, as well as French oak-inspired hints of cedar and spice. Velvety tannins add to the rich, viscous mouthfeel, carrying the wine to a dramatic finish.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Bien Nacido, Santa Maria Valley

Harvest Date: September 20

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.0° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

Barrel Aging: 17 months

30% new, 20% second vintage, 50% neutral

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.66 g/100 ml titratable acidity

15 days fermentation at 63°F, 89°F, 71°F

pH: 3.61

