

MIGRATION[®]

2013 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 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent with a warm dry spring brought an early bud break and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. In the weeks after Labor Day, a moderate heat event followed by a period of perfect weather created a dream scenario for end-of-season ripening. Rain was not a factor, and for the second vintage in a row, the quality of the grapes was exceptional throughout Russian River Valley.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

Ripe raspberry and pomegranate notes jump out of the glass, with undertones of river rock, ground black peppercorn and a pie spice. On the palate, a beam of acidity and mineral-driven hints of slate and limestone underscore vivid flavors of Bing cherry and sweet golden raspberry, carrying the wine to a satisfying and spicy finish.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Date: September 28, 2013
Average Sugar at Harvest: 23.9° Brix
1 Vineyard Harvested

COOPERAGE

100% French Oak
40% New Oak, 60% Second Vintage
Barrel Aging: 11 Months

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.5%
0.52 g/100 ml titratable acidity
pH: 3.78
Bottled: July 2013
Release Date: September 2014

