

MIGRATION[®]

2014 Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir *Bien Nacido Vineyards*

Migration is dedicated to crafting wines from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions highlighting 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 2014 growing season got off to a fast start, with the vines awaking early in spring. Though drought conditions continued throughout California, moderate summer weather and a lack of any long-term heat spikes allowed us to avoid any issues. The steady weather contributed to ideal even ripening, and our first pick came into the winery in early August—one of our earliest starts on record. By the time the first rains arrived in late September, harvest was essentially complete. As a result, for the third straight year, the quality of the harvest was exceptional.

Comments From the Winemaker

This beautiful and inviting wine offers classic Bien Nacido Vineyard aromas of raspberry and pomegranate, followed by intense notes of fresh-ground white pepper and crushed rocks. On the palate, it is complex and giving, with abundant layers of fruit and spice that evolve in the glass as the wine opens up.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Harvest Date: August 6

Average Sugar at Harvest: 23.8° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

40% new oak, 60% neutral

Barrel Aging: 10 months

Technical Data

Alcohol: 13.9%

0.52 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.68