

MIGRATION[®]

2016 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 balanced 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 California drought continued with winter temperatures ranging from 5 to 10 degrees warmer than average, which resulted in rapid vine growth. Come spring, the temperature fell, and a coastal fog layer arrived like clockwork every morning, in the Santa Maria Valley. While a cool May produced a smaller fruit set than average, a mildly warm summer and slightly cool August allowed for ideal hangtime, yielding small and concentrated berries with delicious varietal character.

Comments from the Winemaker

Offering silky tannins, a lush texture and abundant fruit, this beautiful wine shows what can be achieved in a grand cru-caliber vineyard in a great vintage. On the nose, layers of blackberry and black cherry rise from the glass, where they mingle with hints of toasty oak sweetness. The palate is rich and supple, with voluminous dark berry flavors lasting to the end of a long, juicy finish.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Santa Maria Valley

Harvest Date: September 5

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.5° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

40% new oak, 60% neutral

Barrel Aging: 10 months

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 13.9%

0.57g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.60