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## 2018 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.

### 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

One of California's Grand Cru-caliber vineyards, Bien Nacido has yielded a gloriously lush and velvety expression of Pinot Noir, with bright red berry aromas and hints of white pepper spice. On the palate, bright acidity adds refinement to the Bing cherry, strawberry and cranberry flavors, with soft, silky tannins carrying the wine to a juicy, mouth-filling finish.

### WINEMAKING

<i>appellation</i>	Santa Maria Valley		
<i>vineyard</i>	Bien Nacido Vineyards		
<i>varietal composition</i>	100% Pinot Noir	<i>alcohol</i>	14.1%
<i>oak profile &amp; aging</i>	Aged 10 months in 100% French oak 35% new	<i>pH</i>	3.55
<i>key coopers</i>	Cadus, François Frères, Rousseau	<i>acidity</i>	0.58g/100ml
<i>selection</i>	10 barrel selection	<i>fermentation</i>	5 day cold soak, small batch open top fermentations, 3-6 ton fermentations, daily punch downs
<i>soils</i>	sandy loam		
<i>clones</i>	115, 667, 777		
<i>rootstock</i>	varies		



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