

Bien Nacido Estate The Captain Pinot Noir

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Santa Barbara County

APPELLATION: Santa Maria Valley

WINEMAKING: Driven by the limestone soils showcasing all the power of the highest block at Bien Nacido, The Captain is as polished as it can get. Exotic spices, saddle leather, sarsaparilla and fruit roll up combine to form the nose of this wine. The characteristically firm structure of the hillside Pinot Noir planting is accented here by the cool harvest temperatures of the 2021 vintage. Currently showing upfront complexity and density that are just starting to unwind. That youthful energy will allow this wine to age well until at least 2030.

AGING: Aged 16 months in French oak; 50% new

THE STORY

Bien Nacido Vineyard has been an acclaimed source of world-class grapes since its founding in 1973 by brothers Stephen and Bob Miller.

Since then, under the Miller Family's stewardship, Bien Nacido Vineyard has become one of the most coveted sources of cool-climate Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah in California. Celebrated as the most single vineyard-designated site in the world, the combination of remarkable terroir and an incredibly dedicated team who cares for the land, enables Bien Nacido's legacy of exceptional winemaking and grape-growing to further grow with each passing vintage.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Polished & complex

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Exotic spices, saddle leather, sarsaparilla and fruit roll up

MOUTHFEEL: Firm structure

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 97pts Jeb Dunnuck, 96pts Vinous

