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2020 Pinot Noir

Bien Nacido Estate, Santa Maria Valley, USA

Product details

Vintage:	2020	**Drinking:**	Now 2030
Producer:	Bien Nacido Estate	**Alcohol:**	13.50%
Region:	Santa Maria Valley	**Variety:**	Pinot noir
Country:	USA		

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Tasting notes

"The 2020 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard comes from across the estate and was matured in about 45% new oak. Grapes were entirely destemmed this year. ""I was really worried about smoke taint,"" winemaker Anthony Avila says. ""It's said that you must discard all the green parts of the plant. It was the right choice, and I'd do it again."" Instead of using whole clusters, ""We kept our foot on the gas in terms of extraction,"" Avila explains. ""We did more punch downs and longer pump overs."" Medium ruby in color, the Bien Nacido Pinot Noir features intense aromas of cranberry sauce, blood orange, mushroom, tar and forest floor with accents of cinnamon and licorice. The medium-bodied palate is super silky and loaded with sweet berry preserves. Its oak spices are well integrated, its acidity bright, and it finishes long and spicy."
95, Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

About the producer

In 2021, Wine Enthusiast named Bien Nacido Vineyard as one of the ten most important vineyards in the world. The Miller family has been growing grapes on the Bien Nacido site since 1969. For 35 years, they sold their fruit only to the best wineries before deciding to produce their own wines under the Estate label in 2006. These estate-grown wines reflect the family’s dedication to the vineyard, giving them complete control over the fruit and every step of the winemaking process to ensure the finest expression in the bottle.