

2020 Pinot Noir

Bien Nacido Estate, Santa Maria Valley, USA

Product details

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

Reviews

Wine Merchant Top 50 Californian Wines 2023

*"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 points, Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate***

About the producer

In 1969, brothers Bob and Steve Miller found a parcel of land they immediately knew had incredible potential for grape growing. Their vision was simple, to develop a vineyard that would be acknowledged as amongst the most recognised vineyards of the world. It took them four years of hard work to set up the 121 hectares of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The combination of rocky soils, cool climate and ocean influence as well as the talented winemaker, Anthony Avila, make the Bien Nacido wines a superb, handcrafted range whose pedigree is simply unparalleled.

