

2004 Bien Nacido
Vineyard Late Harvest
Pinot Blanc



Bien Nacido Vineyard

<i>Appellation:</i>	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	South facing river bench slope. Elevation: 250 ft. BNV is on the northern flank of the Santa Maria Valley at the base of the Sierra Madre Mountains, 20 miles from the coast. Coordinates: 34,54,31 N 120,19,35 W
<i>Soil:</i>	Sandy loam with shale
<i>Clone/Rootstock:</i>	Melon de Bourgogne (Pinot Blanc) on 5C Planted in 1989 Pinot Blanc on 5C Planted in 1994
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	Block C
<i>Vineyard mgmt.:</i>	N/S rows, 8x5 spacing, 1089 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, cane pruned Overhead sprinklers employed to introduce botrytis.
<i>Harvest:</i>	December 1; average yields 1.0 TPA
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	45 brix, pH3.55, TA .92
<i>Vinification:</i>	Heavily boyrysised grapes sorted prior to being whole cluster membrane pressed, cold settled and racked to barrel where fermentation occurred with periodic stirring. After primary, SO ₂ used to prevent malolactic. 16 months in 50% new French oak with 3 rackings. Bentonite fined and lightly filtered Bottled 4/3/06
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Pinot Blanc, alcohol 13.5%
<i>Case production:</i>	20 (375ml x12)

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