

2005 Bien Nacido
Vineyard – Adobe
Pinot Noir



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<i>Appellation:</i>	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	3 acres -Tantara Estate - Four hillside blocks with westerly exposures. Elevations 300 - 550ft. 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: 34,54,36 N 120,17,46 W
<i>Soil:</i>	Virgin sandy loam to clay and gravel loam
<i>Clone/Rootstock:</i>	777, 667,115, 2A all on 5-C
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	Corral, Pentagon, Adobe, Riversedge – respective to clones above. Planted in 1999
<i>Vineyard mgmt.:</i>	N/S and E/W rows, 8x5 spacing, 1089 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon Adobe Block – Guyot trained
<i>Harvest:</i>	September 13-26; average yields 2.8TPA
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	25.5 avg. brix, pH3.3, TA .75
<i>Vinification:</i>	Hand sorted 100% destemmed Open top fermenters 1-3 ton size with two daily punch downs. Yeast : RC-212 Malo: Indigenous Aged 16 months in 40% new French oak- Francois, Remond, Rousseau. Racked once – June 2006 Bottled 1/24/07 unfinned and unfiltered.
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Pinot Noir, alcohol 14.5%
<i>Case production:</i>	225
<i>Characteristics:</i>	The four sub- vineyards that comprise this wine have been farmed organically since their inception. What this type of viticulture does is make one more aware of the cycles, rhythms and life forces of not just the vine but the other flora and fauna that are part of the ecosystem. This study also influences the way we approach this wine, always looking for definition, depth and harmony. This rich offering would do well to be consumed with a truffled filet of beef

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