

## 2005 Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay



*Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley*

<i>Appellation:</i>	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	South facing river bench slope at 250 foot elevation. BNV is on the northern flank of the Santa Maria Valley at the base of the Sierra Madre Mountains, 20 miles from the coast.
<i>Soil:</i>	Sandy loam with shale gravel, underlain with dolomitic limestone.
<i>Clone/Rootstock:</i>	UC Davis Clone 4 on 5-C
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	Block W. Planted in 1991
<i>Vineyard mgmt.</i>	E/W rows, 6x5 spacing, 1452 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon
<i>Harvest:</i>	October 6; Yield: 2.9TPA
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	25 brix, pH3.2, TA .75
<i>Vinification:</i>	Whole cluster membrane pressed, 25% stainless and 75% barrel fermentation, malolactic in barrel with periodic stirring, 16 months on lees in 20% new French oak with no racking. Bottled 2/13/07
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Chardonnay, alcohol 14.3%
<i>Case production:</i>	122
<i>Characteristics:</i>	The aromatic profile of this vineyard revolves around white flowers – this vintage is no exception. There are scents of lime and orange blossom along with beeswax and a hint of anise. Full on the entry and midpalate, this wine delivers flavors of citrus and pear. Due to its low pH, it went through only a partial malolactic fermentation thus it retains firm natural acidity. Try it for lunch with a Cuban sandwich.

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