

2005 Pinot Noir Evelyn



Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley

<i>Appellation:</i>	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	2.5 acres - Tantara Estate at Bien Nacido Vineyard - Two hillside blocks with south- westerly exposures. Elevations 850-1300ft. 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>	Mount Eden and 115 on SO4
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	Block 1 planted in 1996
<i>Vineyard mgmt.</i>	E/W rows, 8x5 spacing, 1089 vines per acre. Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon
<i>Harvest:</i>	September 24; average yields 2.45TPA
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	26 brix, pH3.5, TA .75
<i>Vinification:</i>	Hand sorted 80% destemmed Open top fermenters 1-3 ton size with two daily punch downs. Yeast : RC-212 Malo: Indigenous 16 months in 60% new French oak- Francois, Remond, Rousseau. Bottled 1/25/07 unfinned and unfiltered.
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Pinot Noir, alcohol 14.6%
<i>Case production:</i>	130
<i>Characteristics:</i>	This wine, a blend of select barrels, represents the pinnacle of each vintage, and as such, is a good marker for the quality and character of the vintage. With richness of fruit supported by ripe tannins, it has density with finesse and a lingering finish. Savor with a veal chop accompanied by herbs and wild mushrooms.

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