

## 2018 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard – Block 43

Appellation: Santa Maria Valley

Vineyard: Bien Nacido - Block 43

Clones: Dijon 667 and Dijon 777

Harvest: By hand on September 5<sup>th</sup>

Yield: About 2.5 tons per acre

Crush: Whole-berry destemmed in to small, open-top fermenters as individual clonal lots

Inoculum: 3001 and Assmanhausen after a 4-day cold maceration

Fermentation: 10-14 days active, with punch downs 2 times daily

Elevage: 18 months in 228 L French Oak barrels, 40% new

Racking: Once in April 2019, then again prior to bottling in March 2020

Bottling: April 6, 2020 - without fining or filtration

Alcohol: 13.6%

pH: 3.45

TA: 0.610 g/100mL

Production: 352 cases

Retail: \$66

Reviews: 96 points from Vinous, August 7, 2020

94 points from Jeb Dunnuck, August 4, 2020