

QUPE

SYRAH “BIEN NACIDO HILLSIDE ESTATE”

This wine is 100% syrah from the Z block at Bien Nacido vineyard. Z block is the original custom hillside block at Bien Nacido, planted exclusively for growing cool climate syrah – southwest facing slope to get plenty of sun and poor soil that drains well and stresses the vines.

The grapes for this wine were harvested in three different picks and, looking back at our harvest book, I realized why this wine is so “textbook” in its balance and flavor profile.

All the grapes were destemmed into small open top fermenters. With each lot, we drew off two barrels of saignée after about five days and barrel fermented this portion. The BF portion ends up being about 12% of the final blend and adds a nice toasty mocha character. We aged the wine for nineteen months in François Frères French oak barrels of which about two-thirds were new.