

2004 Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay

Appellation:	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
Vineyard Site:	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.
Soil:	Sandy loam with shale gravel, underlain with dolomitic limestone.
Clone/Rootstock:	UC Davis Clone 4 on 5-C
Vineyard blocks:	Block W. Planted in 1991
Vineyard mgmt.	E/W rows, 6x5 spacing, 1452 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon
Harvest:	October 5; Yield: 3.55TPA
Juice statistics:	25 brix, pH3.2, TA .75
Vinification:	Whole cluster membrane pressed, 50% stainless and 50% barrel fermentation, malolactic in barrel with periodic stirring, 13 months on lees in 20% new French oak with no racking. Bottled 11/19/05
Wine profile:	100% Chardonnay, alcohol 14.3%
Case production:	118