



SANTA MARIA VALLEY SYRAH Bien Nacido Vineyard

VINTAGE:	2016
ALC/VOL:	13.0%
PRODUCTION:	225 CASES
VITICULTURE:	SUSTAINABLE, BIODYNAMIC
VINIFICATION:	WHOLE CLUSTER
VESSEL:	OPEN CONCRETE TANK FOR 25 DAYS
FERMENTATION:	INDIGENOUS FERMENTATION
ÉLEVAGE:	16 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK (12 MONTHS BARRIQUE, 4 MONTHS PUNCHEON)

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VINEYARD

The 2016 Santa Maria Valley Syrah is our first cuvée to bring together the X and Z blocks of Bien Nacido Vineyard, two wonderful parcels of Syrah from one of Santa Barbara County's most iconic vineyards.

Z block is particularly meaningful to us: it is the same parcel that Adam Tolmach has long worked with at Ojai Vineyard, the winery in which Sashi was first introduced to making Syrah. Z block is one of the higher elevation vineyards at Bien Nacido, where limestone soils are prevalent. Z Block was planted on a southwest-facing hillside in 1992.

X block was planted in 1973 (originally as Riesling) and grafted to Estrella River clone Syrah in the 80s. Biodynamically farmed and pergola trained, X block produces one of Piedrasassi's best cuvees of Syrah.

TASTING NOTE

The melding of X and Z blocks provides a seamless and comprehensive glimpse into Bien Nacido's charms. This wine tightropes between beauty and power. Z block first greets the palate with generous, soft red fruit and herbal subtleties. X block then frames these intricacies with resounding minerality and broad, elegant tannins.

