FLYING GOAT
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2018 PINOT NOIR
Santa Maria Valley
BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
ALC. 13.7% BY VOL.

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This is our ninth vintage from the historic Bien Nacido Vineyards in Santa Maria Valley AVA. In 2010, Flying Goat Cellars began sourcing grapes from old vines at Bien Nacido Vineyard Block N. We source Martini clone (clone 13) from the original 1973 plantings that came from stock grown by the University of California, Davis, and grow on their own roots. The vineyard has 12×7 spacing and vertical shoot positioning (VSP) trellis system. Soil type is Elder loam and Elder shaly loam on a 9-15% slope, allowing for great drainage. The Miller family own and farm this vineyard, along with Solomon Hills.

Tasting Notes

Winemaker Norm Yost finesses his New World winemaking into an Old World wine expression. Let the earthy nose of this classic wine entice you into a web of dusty rose, fragrant dried fruit and brown spice aromatics. Enjoy luscious raspberry, currant and cranberry on the palate and a smooth lingering finish. Pair with lamb, stuffed quail, swordfish with caper and lemon sauce or perhaps even sea salt dark chocolate.

Wine Enthusiast Editor Matt Kettmann rated this wine with 93 points. Kettmann noted, "Dried berry, black-tea, hibiscus and loam aromas invite the nose into this bottling from an iconic vineyard. The palate is quite complex, offering sour-cherry, mace, sumac and tea-leaf flavors."

Details

Harvested:	September 26, 2018	Alcohol:	13.75% by Volume
Bottled:	June 1, 2020	pH:	3.58
Released:	September 11, 2021	TA:	.56 g/100mL
Clone:	13 (Martini)	Brix:	23.3%
Production:	100 cases	Retail Price:	$65