

Bonny Doon Vineyard
2012 Bien Nacido Vineyard Syrah - Barrel Sample
Santa Maria Valley

9 Dec 2013 by JH

Fruit from X block. Barrel sample. Lot of whole cluster. According to Randall Grahm's comments on his website, 'It's my own personal (unproven) theory that the clone of Syrah planted in the X-block (the "Estrella River" clone) may in fact be identical to "Serine", the aromatic Syrah variant of Côte-Rôtie. The rub is that Serine only really expresses its unique qualities when grown on very cool sites, which, of course, very accurately describes Bien Nacido.

Peppery and a touch floral but finely dark fruited. Touch of char. Really savoury and coaly, lovely firm, fine tannins. Single vineyard. Some vanilla notes. Chewy density though the texture is fine and very dry. (JH)

Date tasted	04 Oct 2013
Producer	Bonny Doon
Appellation	Santa Maria Valley
Vintage	2012
Region	California
Country	USA
Score	17
Colour	Red
Alcohol	13.5%
When to drink	2015 to 2021
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