

# Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences

The Weekly Wine Commentary

## Tasting Notes

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### Exceptional

2011 **Bonny Doon** Syrah, Santa Maria Valley, Bien Nacido Vineyard, "X-Block" (\$50): A truly great wine because of its black pepper, violet and blueberry aroma, honed tannins and classic Rhône Valley aftertaste. A sensational wine.



2011 **Bonny Doon** Le Cigare Volant, Central Coast (\$45): The classic Rhône-ish expression of Randall Grahm's fascination with wines of personality, the blend here is 37% Mourvedre (for its blueberry fruit) and 34% Grenache for cherry and peppery notes. I have tasted many older versions of this wine, and this one is set up to age a long time.

