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2007 BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD SYRAH SANTA MARIA VALLEY

With an official alcohol of only 13.5%, this is one of the leanest Syrahs ever to emerge from this famous vineyard. It's bone dry, zingy in acidity and tannic, and the cherry and berry flavors flirt with earthier notes of tobacco and dried Provençal herbs. Feels narrow gauge at first, but grows in the glass as it airs, becoming increasingly elegant and interesting.