



WAYPOINT

SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

2021 · SYRAH BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

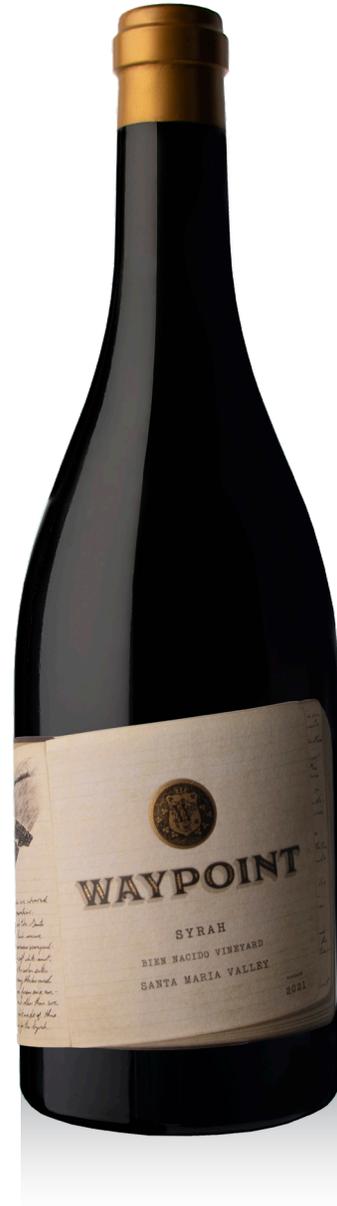
This Bien Nacido Syrah entices with a nose of violets, lavender, and a touch of graphite. Evolving in the glass, the bouquet continues to unveil layers of blackcurrant, anise, and roasted herbs. On the palate, layered dark fruit balances notes of leather, and a subtle thread of earthiness, both fresh and sophisticated.

VINEYARDS

One of the oldest cool-climate vineyards in California, Bien Nacido in the Santa Maria Valley was originally planted in 1973. The 300-acre vineyard has prioritized quality throughout its existence, while proximity to the Pacific Ocean is as a defining feature that has produced ideal conditions for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the past, Syrah has become integral output.

WINEMAKING

In the cellar, this historical fruit was treated to 85% Oak & 35%. Stainless steel tank fermentation, and aged for 18 months in 62% new French oak.



WINEMAKERS: Matthew Sands, Philippe Melka

VARIETAL: 100% Syrah

CLONES: Estrella & 470

HARVESTED: October 21th, 2021.

BOTTLED: April 2023

CASE PRODUCTION: 213 cases.

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

AVA: Santa Maria Valley.

VINEYARD: Bien Nacido Vineyard.



“[...] From blocks 41a1, 41a2, and 49, Clones 174, 470, and the Estrella Clone, all conspire to present a profoundly aromatic, expressive, and complex Syrah. Leads with dark, brooding black fruits, tobacco, dried violets, and charcuterie and delivers a medium-bodied red overflowing with plums and cherries and framed by a voluptuous mid-palate texture backed by tangy blood orange acidity. A long finish reveals dark chocolate, white pepper, and dried herbs. So delicious.”

Jonathan Cristaldi