



*Dolin*

**2012 DOLIN PINOT NOIR,  
BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD  
SANTA MARIA VALLEY**

Fruit for the 2012 Dolin Bien Nacido Pinot Noir comes from Block 31 of this deservedly well recognized vineyard, which dates back to 1837. The vineyard is owned and farmed by the expert winegrowing Miller Family. The vineyard lies in the funnel-shaped Santa Maria Valley AVA, which opens west to the Pacific Ocean. This ideal location provides morning fog cover and cool breezes in the afternoon—perfect for growing Pinot Noir with fully developed flavors and fresh acidity. The soils provide excellent drainage for growing Pinot Noir grapes with complex flavors.



**Soil Type:** Gravelly Los Osos Clay Loam with chunks of Monterey Shale and Limestone

**Elevation/Slope:** 15% - 30% slopes

**Exposure:** West

**Rootstock/Clonal Selections:** Dijon 667

**Viticulture:** SIP certified and California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance certified

**Harvest Date:** September 26, 2012

**Cooperage & Aging:** 20 months in Dargaud & Jaegle, Cadus, Francois Freres, and Damy – primarily Allier forests.

**Finish:** Unfined and Filtered

**Bottling Date:** May 23, 2014

**pH:** 3.61, **TA:** .58 grams/100 ml, **ABV:** 14.59%

**Production:** 127 cases

***Harvest Notes***

The 2012 Pinot Noir growing season in Santa Maria Valley was ideal for both quality and abundance. The lack of weather in the spring allowed for ideal fruit set and resulted in slightly higher yields. Summer was mild with warm, sunny days and cool evenings. The warmer temperatures in August helped reach phenolic ripeness.

***Winemaking Notes***

Following harvest the grapes were de-stemmed and then underwent a five-day cold soak. Fermentation took place in 1.3-ton fermentation tanks with twice-daily punch downs. Following the conclusion of primary fermentation, the wine settled for 36 hours and was pressed clean to medium-toast French oak barrels (30% new). It completed ML over four plus months and aged for a total of 20 months.

- Kirby Anderson, Winemaker

***Tasting Notes***

The Bien Nacido Pinot Noir bursts with vibrant red raspberry and cherry, with nuances of earth and licorice. The fruit carries over throughout the palate, with cooked strawberry, berry jam and notes of licorice and vanilla. The wine is full in body, coating the palate and lingering through a long fulfilling finish.