



Dolin

MALIBU ESTATE VINEYARDS

2014 DOLIN CHARDONNAY BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD



Bien Nacido Vineyard is located in the Santa Maria Valley, along the Central Coast of California. This funnel-shaped valley opens west to the Pacific Ocean, allowing an influx of cool marine breezes that serve to make this a true “cool climate” viticultural region. The resulting long growing season allows lengthy ripening times, yielding grapes with concentrated flavors. Soil components of sand, chalk and marine loam provide good drainage- ideal for growing grapes with complex flavors. Recognizing these qualities, some of California’s best winemakers have produced world-class wines with fruit from this highly regarded vineyard. Bien Nacido is a sustainable farming practice vineyard, double certified by SIP and CSWA.

Vineyard Established: 1973

Soil Type: Gravelly Elder Loam/ Monterey Shale

Elevation: 600’

Exposure: South – South West.

Harvest Date: September 17, 2015

Cooperage & Aging: 15 months in medium toast, Allier barrels from D&J, Cadus, Francois Freres, DAMY and Boutes.

Finish: Unfined and Filtered

Bottling Date: December 14, 2015

pH: 3.48TA: 0.62rams/100 ml, ABV: 13.8%

Production: 232 cases

Winemaking Notes

The 2014 vintage yielded a generous harvest. After cluster and grape sorting the fruit was gently whole-cluster pressed. The juice was fermented in 1/3 new French oak barrels and 2/3 used French Oak barrels. The wine underwent 100% malolactic fermentation over 5 months, after which it was left “on the lees” and stirred twice a month during 15 months of barrel-aging.

- Kirby Anderson, Winemaker

Tasting Notes

The 2014 Dolin Bien Nacido Chardonnay has a rich golden hue with light aromas of vanilla, toast and crisp green apple. On the palate the wine is rich yet balanced with a refreshing acidity. Attractive flavors of peach, tart green apple and lemon are followed by lengthy finish.