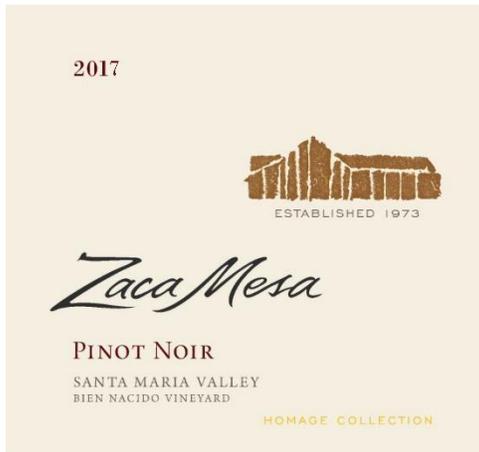




2017 PINOT NOIR



COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD

Bien Nacido Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

September 1-5, 2017

APPELLATION

Santa Maria Valley

AGING

10 months in 20% new French oak

CLONES

Swan Clone & 115

pH | TA

3.48 | 0.613 g/100mL

ALCOHOL

14.1%

BOTTLED

July 24th, 2018

CASES PRODUCED

501 cases

WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

Eric, Kristin, Agustin, Ruben, Jose, Angel,
Randy & Ramirez

WINERY HISTORY

Our wines are made from sustainably farmed grapes that are estate grown, produced and bottled. With over 40 years of grape growing experience in the Santa Ynez Valley, our winemaking and vineyard teams meticulously farm our vineyard to focus on terroir-driven wines. We began growing Rhône varieties in 1978 when we were the first to plant Syrah in Santa Barbara County. Since then, we have determined that grape varieties planted in the Rhône Valley of France are best suited to our estate.

THE HOMAGE COLLECTION

This collection of four wines is a tribute to the grapes once produced here at Zaca Mesa. We have selected several iconic Santa Barbara County vineyards that produce fruit of the highest distinction and quality. These vineyards represent the pinnacle of each varietal, just as Zaca Mesa Vineyards represents the pinnacle of California Rhône-style varietals.

Bien Nacido Vineyard is located in the Santa Maria Valley. Less than 20 miles from the ocean, the cold Pacific air combined with complex soils make this historic vineyard ideal for growing some of Santa Barbara County's most highly prized cool climate varietals.

GROWING SEASON

2017 had an above average rainfall year which led to healthy cover crops and balanced soil health; providing much needed nutrients to the vines. Bud-break in late February through March was the start to a fairly uneventful spring, free from frost. The only disruption was during the month of May, when fluctuating temperatures and wind gave us a poor bloom and set, which resulted in a slight reduction in yields for certain red varieties. Going into the summer months the temperatures were mild until early July when we had excessive heat and wind. The temperatures in late July backed off, only to return in mid to late August, kick-starting our harvest, the first week in September.

WINEMAKING

These Pinot Noir grapes were hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard. Each clone was kept separate. A combination of whole berry and whole cluster fermentation was completed in 1-ton and 5-ton open top fermenters. Once dry, the wine was gently pressed and settled, before racking to barrel for 10 months of aging.

THE WINE

The Pinot Noir grape has a long history at Zaca Mesa Winery. Pinot masters such as Ken Brown, Jim Clendenen and Lane Tanner all experimented with how to make world class Pinot Noir during the 70s and 80s at Zaca Mesa, using fruit from our estate vineyard as well as sites in the Santa Maria Valley.

With marine-cooled windswept hillsides and sandy sedimentary soils, Bien Nacido is a premier vineyard for Pinot Noir in California, producing wines of great perfume and elegance. Our 2017 Bien Nacido Pinot Noir embodies this with exquisite aromatics of lively red fruits, dried rose petal and hints of crushed stone. The palate develops further with notes of bright raspberry & cherry, tea spices and subtle minerality across an expansive and elegant structure.