

# 2023 Reserve Syrah

*Bien Nacido Vineyard · Santa Maria Valley AVA · 100% Syrah*

RETAIL \$100	CASES 300	ALCOHOL 14.6%	PH 3.77	WINEMAKERS Jeff Streckas & Frédéric Ammons
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## TASTING NOTES

**COLOR** *Vibrant, medium-bodied red with maturity and concentration.*

**NOSE** *Strawberries and cream, caramel, and toffee. An explosive nose immediately upon pouring.*

**PALATE** *Refined tannins with cassis, raspberry, and graphite. Franc-like notes of viburnum and white peppercorn emerge with warmth, trailing to butterscotch and fine-grained tannins on the finish.*

**99 JEB DUNNUCK** *"A Gonon Saint Joseph-like nose of ripe black and blue fruits, crushed stone, black pepper, and violets. Medium to full-bodied and concentrated, with a pure, seamless palate profile. This is a real wow wine. Drink 2026–2036."*

## VINEYARD

Bien Nacido Vineyard, Block 11b, Santa Maria Valley AVA. Block 11b planted in 1997 to Baja clone Syrah on 5C rootstock. The gentle, north-facing slope minimizes hot afternoon sun, yielding expressive savory, peppery, dark-fruit character.

YIELD 3.8 tons/acre

BRUX AT HARVEST 24

## WINEMAKING AND ELEVAGE

Harvested early in the morning and processed cold into a jacketed stainless steel tank. Fermented and macerated on skins for 19 days before pressing to barrel. Aged 17 months in large-format Darnajou and Ermitage puncheons (medium-plus toast, 100% from the Bertranges forest). Unfiltered and unfined.