

# BIEN NACIDO

- ESTATE WINES -



## 2016 THE XO SYRAH

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VARIETAL		100% SYRAH ESTRELLA
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		2.1 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		122
ALCOHOL		13.0%

## VINEYARD SITE

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ESTATE		BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
APPELLATION		SANTA MARIA VALLEY
COUNTY		SANTA BARBARA
VYD AREA		700 FT. ELEVATION. VINES FACE DIRECTLY SOUTH. 16 MILES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

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Hand harvested at night, fermented with native yeast, and malolactic fermentations. Aged for 16 months in French oak; 20% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Dark aromatics of espresso, meat, and white pepper draw you in, but it's the rich entry on the peppery and dense palate that's a showcase of this vineyard. They complement the tightly wound but very long finish.

## SOILS

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Monterey shaly loams. This comes from the own rooted original planting in 1973.

## ACCOLADES

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**96** Points - *Vinous*

**95** Points - *Wine Enthusiast*

**93+** Points - *Wine Advocate*