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'Bien Nacido Vineyard' Chardonnay 2017

USA > California > Santa Maria Valley

Dry, White, Still wine

100% Chardonnay

The grapes were harvested on four separate days to achieve ideal ripeness—at 23.1 brix. Each lot was pressed and directly put into French oak barrels (10% new) to ferment. The wine stayed there for 14 months on its lees and was then racked and lightly fined before being bottled unfiltered in February 2018. This wine is pale straw in color with aromas of toasted hazelnuts and sea breeze. On the palate, there's a striking acidity and crispness, laced with textural richness and a power that leads to a juicy finish.

About us

Gavin Chanin is a man to follow. At the age of twenty one, Gavin left art school, turned down the chance to be an intern at Domaine Dujac and established Chanin Wines. Part of this confidence came from growing up around Jim Clendenen (a family friend) but credit must go to Gavin for forging his own path. Whilst the norm in the Santa Rita Hills was to make 14.5% plus wines, Gavin continued to pick before others (‘I just pick less ripe. But I don't think that I pick early. I just pick on time) and to produce wines of balance, and wines that represent their various sites. Some of the vineyards that he works with are large (Bien Nacido has over 300 hectares under vine) but Gavin's knowledge and contacts allow him to source his grapes from the most mineral and most exciting sections.

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96 pts

Alc.:

12.50 %

