



gargantua

2013

From the amazingly unique and majestic “Bien Nacido Vineyard” in the Santa Maria AVA, high up on the hilltops that resemble the surface of the moon, our 2013 gargantua Syrah is the perfect expression of Syrah from a Southern zone dominated by cooling oceanic influences.

The wine is flavored of bright black cherry, cracked pepper, black Greek olives and savory herb garden. The color is dark and focused, with aromas of black cherry, red roses and spice.

The wine is rich, mouth-filling and reminds me of something I love dearly – Pizza. I believe that wines that remind me of Pizza are the perfect wines. It hits on so many points of pleasure: fruity, savory, herbal, meaty, peppery. Big mouthfuls of tannins are present, but they are suave and youthful. It has brighter acidity than you would expect, which indicates future aging potential.

This is a full bodied and rich Syrah, with just enough tension to provide it legs, freshness and longevity.
DRINK NOW THROUGH 2020+

vineyard

100% Bien Nacido.

760' elevation, West facing slope, sandy-loam on shale soils, planted in 1992.

winemaking

Whole cluster fermentation in an open top steel vat.

BARREL AGING Aged for 10 months in large format French Oak puncheons, 65% new oak.

SEALED WITH BEESWAX Beeswax is a sustainable option for sealing the cork. Due to the wax's delicate nature, it may have the appearance of bubbles or slight scuff marks.

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