



## 2008 Roussanne "Bien Nacido Hillside Estate"

This wine is 100% roussanne from our 5 acre hillside block at Bien Nacido. If you follow our different vintages of this wine this 2008 is a lot like the 2006 and 2004 vintages... ripe and fleshy and a bit more approachable as a young wine than the 2007 or 2005 were. 2008 was a fairly cool vintage but we had a small roussanne crop (2.1 tons/acre) and so during one of our mini heat waves these grapes shot up in sugar. As always, whole cluster pressed, chilled and settled overnight and then straight to once used Francois Freres French oak barrels (barrels that were used once for chardonnay) for fermentation and aging. The wine was aged for a year, on the lees, in the one year old barrels, then racked and clarified and returned to neutral barrels for an additional 6 months... so 18 months total barrel aging. It was bottled without filtration in April 2010.