

# QUPE



*A Modern Stone Age Winery*

## 2010 ROUSSANNE BIEN NACIDO HILLSIDE ESTATE SANTA MARIA VALLEY



**NOTES** This is the best white wine that we make and by far the most expensive to make, but the results are worth it! If you are familiar with previous vintages of our Roussanne, this is kind of a cross between the riper, richer 2008 and the leaner more focused 2007...best of both worlds in my opinion!

**VINEYARD** This wine is 100% Roussanne from the Bien Nacido Vineyard. These grapes from a hillside block, 5 acres planted exclusively for Qupé in 1997 and planted exclusively to the Tablas Creek clone (which came from Chateau de Beaucastel).

**WINEMAKING** Whole cluster pressed and fermented and aged exclusively in one year old Francois Frères Burgundy barrels. Aged a total of 18 months, the first year on the lees in one year old barrels, then racked and aged the last 6 months in neutral wood. It's a baby now and I recommend aging it for another year for it to start to open up. If you are inclined to cellar our roussanne like I do you could put this down for 10-12 years and be greatly rewarded!

### TECHNICAL DATA

GRAPES: 100% Roussanne  
ALCOHOL: 12.5%

*Bob Lindquist, Winemaker*