



2010 Bien Nacido Cuvée

This wine is 50% viognier, mainly from Bien Nacido but with a few barrels of Ibarra-Young blended in, and 50% chardonnay all from Bien Nacido. As always, this wine is a blend of ultra ripe viognier which allows an intense aromatic character develop, and chardonnay picked at the low end of ripeness which adds acidity, freshness, balance and structure.

The grapes were whole cluster pressed, chilled and lightly settled over night, then transferred to neutral barrel for fermentation and aging. The viognier and chardonnay ripen at different times so they are kept separate until shortly before bottling. 1765 cases were bottled in early March 2011. This is a wine that is meant to be enjoyed young to take advantage of those wild viognier aromatics and the freshness intended. Please drink it all up before we release the 2011 vintage next Spring!