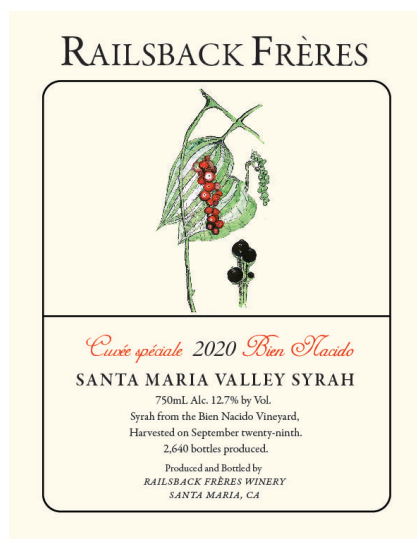


# *the* RAILSBACK FRÈRES

## *2020 Bien Nacido Syrah “Cuvée Spéciale”*



### *Encépagement*

100% Syrah  
60% whole cluster

### *Place*

Santa Maria, CA

### *Vineyard*

Bien Nacido Vineyard “Z-block”  
Harvested 9/29/20 at 21.3 Brix

### *Aging*

Sixteen months in neutral French oak

### *pH*

3.43

### *TA*

5.5gr/L

### *ALC*

12.7 %

### *Production*

2,640 bottles

### *Story*

At first sight, the steepest “Z-block” at the Bien Nacido vineyard in Santa Maria instantly reminded us of formative visits to France’s Northern Rhône. After several years now blessed with being able to work with the beautiful tiny clusters of tiny Syrah berries from this site, we believe this vintage might be the purest expression of Syrah that we’ve received yet. In 2020 we increased the percentage of whole bunches in the blend, as practiced by many of our Northern Rhône heroes, and also went away from the total sans soufre approach that we tried in past vintages. At this early stage, we love the results, but after some years in the cellar, we hope this will be our most age-worthy vintage to date.