

2009 ODE TO SUNSHINE, PROPRIETARY WHITE WINE

WINEMAKER NOTES

If all vineyards behaved like Bien Nacido and all vintages like 2009 (at least for the whites), life would be a breeze (and there would likely be more single vineyard wines from Sanguis) - I really got conned into planting 4 acres of Chardonnay there by one of the world's greatest vineyard managers (and nicest guys), Chris Hammil – and I never regretted it.

So while a few years back I would have likely told anyone that I probably would never touch Chardonnay, a site that enables us to retain these beautiful acid levels while also achieving stunning ripe aromas and flavors, I am now an official convert, and this is our first example of a single varietal, single vineyard Chardonnay – with many more to come...



WINE STATISTICS

Varietals	Chardonnay 100% (clones 95 & 96)
Vineyards	Bien Nacido 100%
Harvest Dates	October 10, 2009
Yields	0.6 – 0.9 tons/acre
Brix (at harvest)	24.3 – 24.5
Alcohol	14.6%
pH	3.4 – 3.48/3.51 (at harvest/final)
Barrels / Coopers	50% new / 20% seasoned, 228 & 300 L French barrels / 30% stainless
Barrel Aging	22 months
Rackings	2 (including blend assembly)
Filtering / Fining	None
Blend Assembled	January 2011
Bottling scheduled for	August 2011
Production	220 six-pack cases / 110 9L cases
Release Date	October 2011
Suggested Retail Price	\$60

Stephen Tanzer's IWC

Hazy gold. Wild, complex bouquet evokes pear skin, nectarine, macadamia nut and marzipan, with an oak spice note that gains strength with air. Ripe and broad but lively, with deep orchard And pit fruit flavors showing very good clarity And spiciness. Finishes long and sappy, with Very good cut. 91

Robert Parker's WA

The 2009 Chardonnay Ode to Sunshine wraps around the palate with layers of tropical fruit. Despite its textural richness and volume, the wine shows plenty of acidity and fabulous overall balance. This racy, sleek wine from Sanguis is best enjoyed while the fruit is vibrant. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2015. 92