# BIEN NACIDO 2016 GRENACHE

**Varietal:** Grenache

**AVA:** Santa Maria Valley

**Vineyard:** Bien Nacido

## **Production:** 250 cases made

**Oak:** 100% New French Foudre

Vinification: 40% whole cluster fermentation

**Time in Barrel:** 42 months

**Alcohol:** 15.7%

**Cellar potential:** 6-8 years

Release date: March 14, 2020

## **TASTING NOTES**

This is Roger Moore's tuxedo-clad James Bond stumbling onto the set of The Outlaw Josey Wales, where he bends an elbow with Clint Eastwood in the saloon, three fingers of rye whiskey, shaken not stirred. They polish off bowls of beef peppercorn stew and some blackberry preserves before hitting the trail in a cloud of white musk and far-off kerosene. The cactus-strewn wilderness presents Ernst Stavro Blofeld chewing elk jerky and a band of bounty hunters airin' their lungs. So, they draw the Walther P5 and Colt Walker revolvers, slinging hot lead, and when the smoke settles, the bulls have bit the ground, so spy and outlaw share a smirk and ride off into the sun.

### NOTES

Planted and run by the Miller family since 1969, Bien Nacido has been the source for the Central Coast's most mythical wines and is a crown jewel of winemakers. From's first large winemaking position was as operations manager for the Miller family's custom crush facility. His tenure with the Millers also marked the founding of Herman Story. This represents From's triumphant homecoming.

#### SERVING

Temperature: 65º F Decant: 1 hour

## ABOUT

Proprietor and winemaker Russell P. From began Herman Story Wines in 2001 with 7 barrels stashed in his employer's cellar. What started as a modest homage to his rancher grandfather has become a beacon to those seeking opulent, structured Syrah and Grenache. To maintain balance while giving flavor full stage, Russell works with 30 top-tier vineyards in over 7 distinct growing regions between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.



