

J. Wilkes

First Team "All-Americans" 2005

2002 David Bruce Santa Cruz Mountains Estate Pinot Noir
2003 Davis Family Vineyards Russian River Valley Pinot Noir
2002 Copeland Creek Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
2002 Harmonique "The Noble One" Anderson Valley Pinot Noir

2002 J. Wilkes Bien Nacido Q Block Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir

2002 Littorai Summa Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
2002 Littorai One Acre Anderson Valley Pinot Noir
2002 Soter Beacon Hill Willamette Valley Pinot Noir
2002 Sine Qua Non Hollerin M Shea Vineyard Willamette Valley Pinot Noir
2002 Sean Thackrey Andromeda Devil's Gulch Vnyd Marin County Pinot Noir
2003 WesMar Olivet Lane Russian River Valley Pinot Noir



WINE ENTHUSIAST

91 J. Wilkes 2003 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Q Pinot Noir (Santa Barbara County). This Pinot is deep, full-bodied and rich, with a succulent core of black cherry, mocha and spice flavors, and is dry despite the ripe fruitiness.

89 J. Wilkes 2002 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Q Pinot Noir (Santa Barbara County). Shows cherry, cola, cocoa and coffee flavors wrapped in nicely balanced acids and tannins, with a pleasant mouthfeel through the finish. This is a dry, very nice, coastal Pinot Noir, silky and elegant.

90 J. Wilkes 2004 Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Blanc (Santa Barbara County). This brilliantly fruity wine shows South Coast Chardonnay-like flavors in the ripe mango, papaya and peach, and also showcases cool-climate acidity that makes that fruit sing on the palate. It's a young, dry, vibrantly fresh wine that's delicious by itself, but should be fabulous with fish or chicken topped with a tropical fruit salsa.



87 The 2003 Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyard reveals a dark ruby color, earthy, forest floor, dried herb, and fruit characteristics ...a pleasurable, supple-textured Pinot...



88 J. WILKES Pinot Noir Solomon Hills Vineyards Block 3 Santa Barbara 2003
We enjoyed its concentrated cherry flavors and its broad, beefy texture and would recommend it as an accompaniment to lamb chops and roasts.

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PINOTREPORT

SMART BUY! Great for the table...!

89 2001 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Q

Medium-deep ruby purple color; spicy, earthy aromas with a touch of stewed cherry on the nose; **rich and ripe cherry flavors with spice and just a bit of toasty oak**; nice balance with a lingering finish...well suited to the table.

91 2002 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Q Medium-deep ruby purple color; rich, ripe, earthy aromas with a hint of bacon and plum; rich and ripe with earthy plum flavors, a bit of oak and some bacon notes; nice balance and a lingering finish...**delicious, bright fruit with a lot of what you expect from the Bien Nacido Vineyard.**

SMART BUY! Delicious, lighter style...!

91 2001 Bien Nacido Vineyard Hillside Medium ruby color; light aromas of spice, red cherry and raspberry; rich, ripe and bright red cherry flavors with nice spicy notes, delightful structure and balance; lingering finish...with bright fruit and lively acidity – **a great all-purpose Pinot** for lighter fare.

90 2003 Solomon Hills Vineyard Block 3 Medium-deep ruby purple color; rich, black cherry and earthy aromas; rich and ripe with black cherry, earthy forest floor flavors, toasty oak, good structure and balance; lingering finish. **This is a really rich and full Pinot with a lot of deep core fruit** – great with a hearty meal.

88 2003 Vall-Foss Vineyard Block T6 Medium-deep ruby purple color; deep, lush aromas with mint and herbs; full, rich blackberry flavors with toasty oak and herbal/minty notes; good structure and balance; lingering finish. More in an herbal, blackberry style, **this Napa Valley Pinot has a lot to like.**

Pinot Blanc, Bien Nacido 2004 **A flat out fun wine.** Strong with minerals and stone fruits...bright with a fine minerality and scintillating acidity...ripe honeysuckle and apple blossom. **This pinot blanc is so refreshing that it should be a "go to" wine all over town this summer.**



Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Q 2002 The fruit flavors are full bodied, almost syrupy and certainly concentrated. **Dark cherry, cranberry and pomegranate hit a sweet spot, then fan out to display its rich and mouth-coating aspects.** Well-balanced...a nice *al dente* chewiness that creates an even greater sense of depth. The finish echoes the whole package of flavors and persists long after you swallow.

Pinot Noir, Vall-Foss Vineyard 2003 Cherry, then violet, lavender, mushroom and minerals rush in...deepen into black cherry and plum, complemented by spices/herbs, wood smoke, minerals, chocolate and freshly turned loamy earth. **J. Wilkes' most dense and rich Pinot with great aging potential.**

Pinot Noir, Solomon Hills 2003 Pure and focused fruit with flavors of blackberry, black cherry, blueberry and plum. **Big and rich in the mouth and makes you take immediate notice**, more syrah-like and masculine...very enjoyable.

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2001 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Q

This wine is very enjoyable with an appealing cooked cherry nose, **a soft but full mouthfeel, and a nice finish of refreshing acidity.**

2002 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Q

Similar to the 2001 vintage, but ramped up a bit. A lovely cherry and floral nose... leading to a fresh cherry-toned and spicy finish. A very feminine, sexy wine. **Lipsmacking.**



2003 Vall-Foss Vineyard Napa Valley

A delicious Pinot Noir...this wine is darker, deeper, denser with sweet purple fruits and some tantalizing earth notes. **This is a 'bomb'.**



2003 Solomon Hills Vineyard Pinot Noir

Exudes effusive aromatics of **black cherry and plum, with subtle accents of smoke, spice** and a big but not excessive kiss of oak...on the palate, big fruit, zippy acidity and tannins...it opens nicely with air.

2003 Vall-Foss Vineyard Block T6, Napa Valley Pinot Noir

Cherry and licorice, brown spice, chocolate and maple syrup...Pretty **smooth with moderate tannins**...reminiscent of white house ice cream, all cherry and vanilla.

2002 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block Q Pinot Noir

Ruby garnet in color with a fairly **generous nose of candied cherry and black cherry**, echoing and expanding on the palate with some added cranberry, pomegranate and...something like white house ice cream as it opens. Medium to full bodied...**it's smooth, kind o' creamy.**