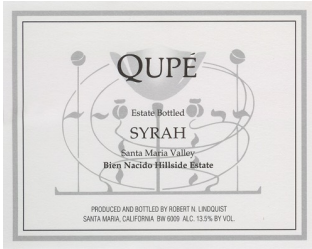


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Bob Lindquist



United States of America

CALIFORNIA
Central Coast

OVERVIEW

Qupé's Bob Lindquist provides the backbeat for producers of wines from Rhône varieties in the United States. Twenty-three years ago he made his first Syrah from Bien Nacido Vineyard (he had previously used fruit from Paso Robles) and he knew he had found his niche...which has now become far more than that. He worked tirelessly (for a while, at least) to make Hermitage and Côte Rôtie in California, but he began to see that the consistent quality of fruit from California was too precious to try to tamper with it to achieve a goal rarely reached even in the more questionable climate of the northern Rhône Valley. Qupé is still the trendsetter among California's Rhône producers, and he has been expanding into less-commonly-found white varieties, producing wines with an increasing air of seriousness. Still, Syrah is where Bob Lindquist's heart lies, and his new Sawyer Lindquist vineyard will provide another Syrah frontier for him to explore.

Varieties:

White: Chardonnay, Marsanne, Roussanne, Viognier
Red: Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre

Total Acreage: With the exception of Bien Nacido Hillside Estate, and Sawyer Lindquist, Qupé purchases all of its fruit

Average Production:
28,000 cases

WINES

Syrah Central Coast

One of California's finest and most consistent Syrahs, its blend of fruit from Santa Barbara (cool) and Paso Robles (warm) provides for a soft-edged but spicy and alert wine.

Marsanne Santa Ynez Valley

Always one of the finest domestic Marsannes—never blousy, always well-structured with a flinty minerality, refined white fruit, and long finish. Ages beautifully for a decade or more, too.

Bien Nacido Cuvée Santa Maria Valley

A 50-50 blend of Chardonnay & Viognier, sourced primarily from Bien Nacido Vineyard with a floral-apricot quality and excellent utilitarian prospects for dinner tonight.

Los Olivos Cuvée Santa Ynez Valley

Half Syrah, with Grenache & Mourvèdre accounting for about ¼ each, a rich but medium-bodied wine with smooth, pliant fruit and a nice backbone without a tannic edge.

Syrah Bien Nacido Vineyard Santa Maria Valley

The flagship (well, one of them anyway) and standard-bearer for California Syrah, Bien Nacido endues this with a alluring combination of lavender-based floral notions & a gamey note.

Roussanne Hillside Estate Bien Nacido Vineyard Santa Maria Valley

An initially tightly-wound wine, it expands dramatically to show its blooming fruit and nervy spine that comes off not dissimilar to Beaucastel's white Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Syrah Hillside Estate Bien Nacido Vineyard Santa Maria Valley

A sensational cornucopia of aromas haunted by a specter of apricots, with limpid, black raspberry and peppercorn flavors that continually renew themselves adding new depths.

Syrah Sawyer Lindquist Vineyard Edna Valley

A spiritual flagship for Qupé, a new wine from their own biodynamically farmed (Demeter certified!) vineyard, planted in 2005. Beautifully balanced, expressive cool-climate Syrah.

Grenache Sawyer Lindquist Vineyard Edna Valley

A seductive, singular Grenache from Qupé's SLV, this wine bears even more kinship than usual with Pinot Noir, though only in character—aromas & flavors are all Grenache.

ACCOLADES

"Bob Lindquist's Chardonnay-Viognier blend (Bien Nacido Cuvée) is consistently one of the best white wines being grown in California."

Wine & Spirits

Qupe 2008 Syrah Central Coast

"Bright ruby. Delicate aromas of raspberry and cherry, with a floral quality adding complexity. Juicy, pinot-like red berry flavors pick up a touch of black pepper with air, reminding me that this is actually syrah. Finishes a bit short but with good sappiness and a note of black olive."

Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar, #147



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