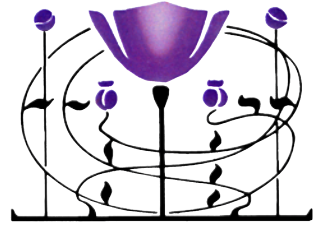




The New York Times

'AMONG CALIFORNIA'S 10 BEST SYRAH PRODUCERS'
"Just because you can get it riper doesn't mean you should get it riper,"
said Mr. Lindquist of Qupé, who has never strayed from his
original ideal of balanced, Rhône-influenced wines." - Eric Asimov



QUPÉ

SANTA BARBARA

One of California's first Rhône Rangers, Bob Lindquist started Qupé in 1982 while giving tours and working in the cellar at Zaca Mesa. Inspired by experiences with great Rhône wines, Lindquist launched his new winery with Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre, eventually including white Rhône varietals Marsanne, Viognier and Roussanne. Enthusiastic about the exceptional quality of Santa Barbara Chardonnay, Lindquist produces three separate bottlings. Bob produces much of his wine from Santa Maria's Bien Nacido Vineyard where the cool microclimate encourages complex flavor development while maintaining acidity. Lindquist also farms the Ibarra-Young Vineyard in Los Olivos which he made entirely organic.

QUPÉ WHITE WINES

CHARDONNAY "Y BLOCK" [Sustainable]

CHARDONNAY "BLOCK 11" Bien Nacido Reserve [Organic]

Tanzer's IWC on '07: **91 pts** "Seductively perfumed aromas of dried pear, white peach and floral honey, with floral, oak and leesy notes gaining strength with air. Sweet, palate-staining pit fruit flavors are complemented by toasty oak spice and floral qualities, with dusty minerality adding lift and cut. Very seductive wine, with strong finishing spiciness and lingering florality."

MARSANNE [Organic]— San Francisco Chronicle: **"A defining white, with a bulletproof track record"**

BIEN NACIDO CUVÉE [Sustainable] (Viognier/Chardonnay)

Tanzer's IWC: on '09: **89 pts** "Bright, expressive nose hints at lemon and nectarine, with a sexy floral quality. Densely packed, aromatic and pure, with lively acidity giving definition and lift to the flavors of candied citrus and pit fruits."

VIIGNIER Ibarra Young Vineyard [Organic]— Parker's WA on '06: **90 pts**; Tanzer's IWC on '06: **90 pts**

ROUSSANNE Bien Nacido Hillside Estate [Organic]— IWC on '08: **90 pts**; Stephen Spurrier: **"Best New World White"**

QUPÉ RED WINES

LOS OLIVOS CUVÉE [Organic]

SYRAH Central Coast [Sustainable]— Food & Wine Magazine: **"Best Syrah Under \$20"** 5 years in a row!

GRENACHE Sawyer Lindquist Vineyard [Biodynamic]— Tanzer's IWC on '08: **91 pts**

SYRAH Bien Nacido Vineyard [Organic]— Decanter Magazine on '06: **"Five Stars"**

SYRAH Sawyer Lindquist Vineyard [Biodynamic]

Tanzer's IWC on '08: **90 pts** "Glass-staining purple. Complex, highly aromatic nose combines vibrant dark berries, cherry-cola, flowers, spices and a hint of illicit (but not in California!) herbs and a note of eucalyptus. Juicy and very intense but surprisingly light on its feet; coats the palate with sweet cassis and blueberry flavors."

SYRAH Bien Nacido Hillside Estate [Organic]

Tanzer's IWC on '06: **92 pts** "Vivid ruby color. Smoky red and dark berry aromas are complemented by nuances of cracked pepper, dried flowers and apricot pit. Pliant, gently sweet black raspberry and cassis flavors are framed by dusty tannins that quickly fade into the lush fruit. Packs a good punch but doesn't come off heavy, finishing with good clarity and echoes of rose and smoky spices and herbs. This is delicious right now."

*Wine & Spirits Magazine on '06: **94 pts!** "Best Syrah Over \$20"*

SYRAH "SONNIE'S" Sawyer Lindquist Vineyard [Biodynamic]

Tanzer's IWC on '08: **91 pts** "Inky purple. Very ripe, pungent nose is at once decadent and lively, offering notes of candied dark berries, smoky minerals, black pepper, and olive. Lush and fine-grained, with ripe blackcurrant and olive tapenade flavors that are complemented by a note of black pepper."

SYRAH "X BLOCK" Bien Nacido Vineyard [Biodynamic]

Tanzer's IWC on '05: **93 pts** "Highly perfumed nose offers textbook syrah aromas of cassis, blackberry, anise, floral oils and smoky minerals, with subtle game and pepper notes adding complexity. Deeply concentrated, chewy dark berry and floral pastille flavors boast liqueur-like depth but are far from plodding. Slow-building minerality adds energy and precision to a long, sweet, sappy finish."



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