



## **2012 Syrah, Don Miguel Vineyard** *Estate Grown, Estate Bottled*

### **The Organic Don Miguel Vineyard**

Named after the late patriarch of the Torres family, this organic vineyard is located in the Green Valley — the coolest, foggiest region of the Russian River, only ten miles from the Pacific. The European-style high density of over 2,000 vines per acre provides low yields and requires intensive labor; but the vines live longer and the grapes acquire better balance and greater concentration, as well as more elegance and finesse than with the traditional low density.

### **The Vinification**

The grapes were harvested October 29, hand sorted, destemmed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged in premium French oak barrels, 50% new, coopered by Remond and Rousseau from the forest of Bertranges. It was bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered, in August 2013.

### **Tasting Notes**

Syrah has been known to produce outstanding wines in cool regions like Northern Rhône, and we have found it to thrive in the sandy loam soils and Pacific-influenced weather of our Green Valley terroir.

This bottling, our first 100% from the Syrah variety, exemplifies the classic character of the cool-climate bottlings: raspberries and violets harmonize with notes of sandalwood and black pepper, perfectly integrated with the elegant oak. The palate is round and soft, yet rich and well balanced, with supple tannins that promise a long life.

**Marimar Torres**  
**Founder & Proprietor**

**150 cases produced (in 9L units)**

**Suggested California Retail: \$49**