



MARIMAR ESTATE
VINEYARDS & WINERY



2019 "Cristina" Pinot Noir, Don Miguel Vineyard *Estate Grown, Estate Bottled*

Why "Cristina"?

Named after my only daughter, Cristina, this wine is a barrel selection from a unique blend of our Pinot Noir clones that we feel best represent the *terroir*, or personality, of the Don Miguel Vineyard and show the most potential for aging.

The Don Miguel Vineyard

Named after the late patriarch of the Torres family, this sustainable vineyard is located in the Green Valley — the coolest, foggiest region of the Russian River Valley, 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 September 4-14. After fermenting with indigenous yeast, the wine was aged for 18 months in 50% new and 50% 1- and 2-year old French barrels, coopered by Remond from the forest of Bertranges. It was bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered, in May 2021.

The Clones

The vineyard's 30 acres of Pinot Noir are planted with several clones, which yield wines with complex layers of flavors. The blend of clones in this vintage is 60% Swan, 34% Pommard, and 6% Dijon 115.

Tasting Notes

Classic Pinot Noir nose, complex and elegant, reminiscent of ripe red fruits like blackberries and plums. On the palate it is soft, varietal and very long, with notes of sage and lavender contributed by the seamlessly integrated premium oak. Its excellent structure augurs a long life — at least another 20 years, probably more. I would recommend serving it at cellar temperature, between 58-60° F, and it will benefit from decanting.

300 cases produced (in 9L units)

Marimar Torres
Founder & Proprietor

Suggested California Retail: \$88