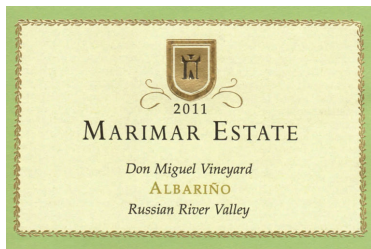


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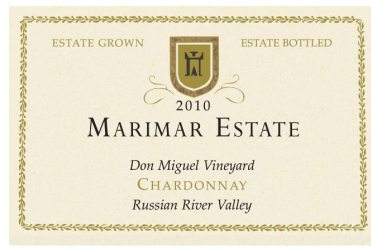
Top Scores from Top Publications



Estate Grown & Bottled

92 2011 Marimar Estate Albariño, Russian River Valley, Don Miguel Vineyard. With this bottling, Marimar Estate confirms itself as one of the two best, most consistent producers of Albariño in California. The wine is brilliant, with brisk acidity, dryness, modest alcohol and complex flavors of citrus fruit and zest, minerals, white tobacco and ripe figs.

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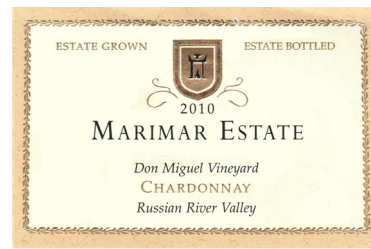
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ACERO

93 2010 Marimar Estate "Acero" Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Don Miguel Vineyard. It's unbelievable that this Chardonnay is unoaked, it's so incredibly rich and creamy. Just packed with layers of tropical fruits, peaches, Asian pears and oatmeal cookies. All that butter and cream must be from the malolactic fermentation and aging on the lees. One of the best unoaked Chardonnays ever.

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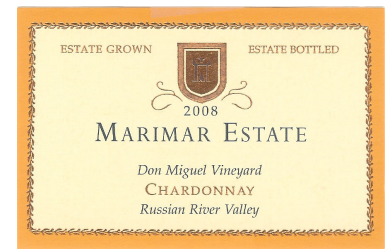
Editor's Choice



LA MASÍA

94 2010 Marimar Estate "La Masía" Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Don Miguel Vineyard. There's a lot of lees influence on this wine, which gives it a sourdough taste and creamy mouthfeel. It's dense in tropical fruit, citrus, green apple and honey notes, with a touch of sweet, smoky oak. A dry, complex, multilayered wine, this will gain traction with 2-4 years in the cellar.

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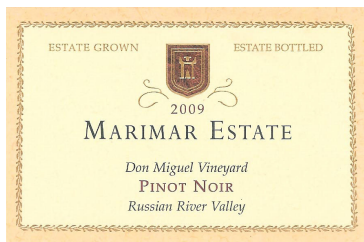
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DOBLES LIÁS

93 2008 Marimar Estate "Dobles Lías" Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Don Miguel Vineyard. This late-released bottling is incredibly interesting. Connoisseurs will appreciate the bone-dry minerality and acidity, the subtle creaminess from lees aging and the citrusy flavors that just begin to suggest tropical fruit. It should continue to develop in the bottle for a few more years.

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Pinot Noirs



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LA MASÍA

93 2009 Marimar Estate "La Masía" Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Don Miguel Vineyard. Although this is tight, acidic and tannic, the core is so rich, it should easily negotiate the next 5-6 years in a good cellar. The texture is of pure silk, and the flavors are rich in cherry, pomegranate and spice.

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Cellar Selection



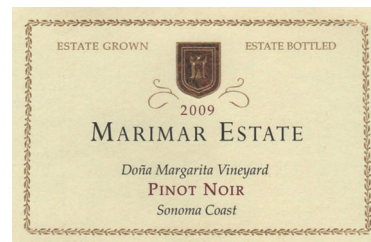
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MAS CAVALLS
Torres Family Vineyards

94 2008 Marimar Estate "Mas Cavalls" Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, Doña Margarita Vineyard. The winery delayed the release of this block-designated Pinot later than its other 2008s, but even at four years old, it's still tight and acidic, a wine you really shouldn't open right now. Bone dry, it has a nice, balanced mouthfeel, with complex flavors of cherry, pomegranate, persimmon, tamari-splashed mushroom and oak. Hold at least until 2014.

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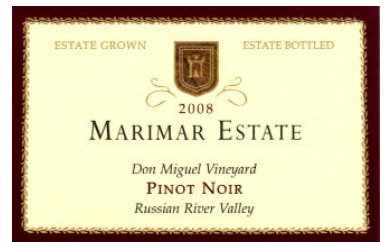


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MAS CAVALLS

95 2009 Marimar Estate "Mas Cavalls" Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, Doña Margarita Vineyard. This is a dazzling Pinot Noir, so gorgeous to drink for its rich, complex deliciousness. Like all of Marimar's Pinots, it's a big wine—rich and extracted and dense in weight. Despite the weight, it magically remains lithe, like a ballerina leaping into the air. Drink now through 2019, as it gradually ages.

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CRISTINA
Torres Family Vineyards

95 2008 Marimar Estate "Cristina" Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Don Miguel Vineyard. The winery held this back an additional six months after their other 2008 Pinots were released, presumably to let it become integrated. Still, it's quite tannic, with a sandpaper-like toughness. Despite the astringency, the massive wild-cherry, cola, mushroom and anise flavors come through. It's a huge wine, feral and untamed—quite exquisite in its wildness. So delicious now, it's hard to resist, but the wise collector will cellar it for 4-5 years, maybe even longer.

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