



La Masía

# 2010 "La Masía" Chardonnay, 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. I named this bottling after the Spanish name for The Farmhouse, since our winery is designed to resemble a classic Catalan farmhouse.

Planted in the European-style high density of over 2,000 vines/acre, the yields are low and labor intensive; but the vines live longer and the grapes acquire better balance and greater concentration, as well as more elegance and finesse.

## The Vinification

The grapes were harvested September 10-26, then gently whole-cluster pressed and barrel fermented in premium French oak. The barrels were 20% new oak from the forest of Allier, coopered by Rousseau, Damy, and Dargaud & Jaegle. After undergoing 100% malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged on its lees for ten months and bottled in August 2011.

#### The Clones

The vineyard's 30 acres of Chardonnay are planted with three different clones. The blend of clones in the 2010 vintage is 61% See, 21% Rued and 18% Spring Mountain.

#### **Tasting Notes**

Complex nose with intense citrus and floral aromas of gardenia and honeysuckle, plus a minerality reminiscent of wet pebbles. A note of hazelnut and spice from the elegant oak carries through on the palate. Great balance and mouthfeel, with a lingering finish and long aging potential but delightful to drink right now.

Marimar Torres Founder & Proprietor

3,446 cases produced (in 9L units)

Suggested California Retail: \$35