



2012 "*Chico's Run*" Pinot Noir, Doña Margarita Vineyard *Estate Grown, Estate Bottled*

Why "*Chico's Run*"?

This special bottling is named after my loyal English Springer Spaniel, Chico, who loves to run up and down the sloping plateau where the vines are planted. It is a barrel selection from the Dijon 667 clone, which we feel truly represents the terroir and ageability of the Doña Margarita Vineyard.

The Doña Margarita Vineyard

Named after the late matriarch of the Torres family, this 20-acre vineyard is located on the Bohemian Highway, between Freestone and Occidental, in the Sonoma Coast appellation of origin. The cool breezes and drifting fog from the Pacific Ocean, six miles away, make it an ideal site for Pinot Noir. Planted in the European style of super-high density, with 2,340 vines per acre, the yields are low and labor is 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 on October 1, lightly crushed and destemmed, then fermented in small stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged in premium French oak barrels, 50% new, coopered by Remond from the forest of Bertranges and Rousseau from the Center of France. It was bottled, unfined and unfiltered, in August 2013.

Tasting Notes

This small bottling of *Chico's Run* is fragrant with the classic character of our Dijon 667 clone — red fruits reminiscent of raspberries and black cherries, with the earthy notes of forest floor characteristic of this vineyard. The palate is soft and velvety, with supple but firm tannins that give the wine a smooth finish while also promising a long aging potential.

Marimar Torres
Founder & Proprietor

93 cases produced (in 9L units)

Suggested California Retail: \$48