



2012 “*Earthquake Block*” Pinot Noir, Don Miguel Vineyard *Estate Grown, Estate Bottled*

Why “*Earthquake*” Block?

Back in the winter of 1995, as we were getting ready to plant this block, a huge storm created a deep ravine in the sloping hill where the future vineyard was already staked. The next morning the sight was frightening — it looked like an earthquake had hit the block! After that, we never referred to it by any other name.

Our *Earthquake Block* is planted with the Pommard clone, which consistently gives us a wine that harmonizes deep color, intensity and concentration with suppleness and elegance. The block is situated on a slope at the top of the Don Miguel Vineyard, with ideal row orientation that ensures perfect ripening.

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 on September 18, destemmed, and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. The wine was then aged in premium French oak barrels, 50% new, coopered by Remond from the forest of Bertranges. After 10 months of oak aging the wine was bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered, in August 2013.

Tasting Notes

The classic fruit reminiscent of plums, black cherry and sandalwood from the Pommard clone shows well in this bottling. On the palate the wine is mouthfilling and complex, with supple and silky tannins. A note of mocha and sassafras from the beautiful barrels is well integrated with the vibrant fruit. The solid structure promises a very long life.

147 cases produced (in 9L units)

Marimar Torres
Founder & Proprietor

Suggested California Retail: \$52