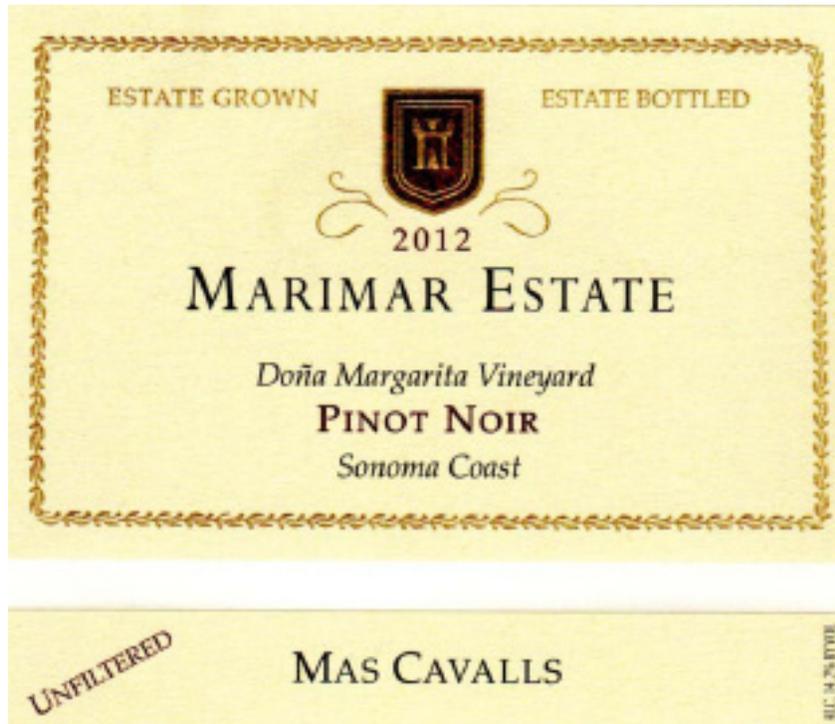




MARIMAR ESTATE
VINEYARDS & WINERY



2012 "Mas Cavalls" Pinot Noir, Doña Margarita Vineyard *Estate Grown, Estate Bottled*

Why "Mas Cavalls"?

We have named this bottling *Mas Cavalls* after the Catalan name for Horse Farm, since our equestrian center lies right below the 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 September 15 - October 2. After minimal crushing, they fermented in small stainless steel tanks, with no whole clusters. The wine was aged in premium French oak barrels, 33% new, coopered by Remond, Rousseau, Marchive and Mercurey, from the forest of Bertranges. It was bottled, unfined and unfiltered, in August 2013.

The Clones

The vineyard's 20 acres of Pinot Noir are planted with three different clones. The blend of clones in this vintage is 63% Pommard, 32% Dijon 115, and 5% Dijon 667.

Tasting Notes

Luscious nose of black cherries and Santa Rosa plums, with underground notes of smoked meat and peat - the classic aromas of this special vineyard. The tannins are rich and generous but subtle, contributing complexity to the fleshy palate and promising a long aging potential. I would recommend serving it at cellar temperature, between 58-60° F.

2141 cases produced (in 9L units)

Marimar Torres
Founder & Proprietor

Suggested California Retail: \$44