



2014 "La Masía" Pinot Noir, Don Miguel Vineyard Estate Grown, Estate Bottled

Why "La Masía"?

La Masía means *The Farmhouse* in Catalonia, my home region, and our winery is designed to resemble a classic Catalan farmhouse. My family has grown grapes in Spain since the 17th century and our philosophy has always been to produce a wine as an extension of farming the vineyard.

The Organic Don Miguel Vineyard

Named after the late patriarch of the Torres family, this organic and biodynamic vineyard is located in the Green Valley — the coolest, foggiest region of the Russian River, only ten miles from the Pacific. 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 August 30 - September 7, hand-sorted, destemmed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged in premium French oak barrels, 40% new, coopered by Remond, Rousseau, and Marchive from the forests of Bertranges, Allier, and Central France. It was bottled, unfined and unfiltered, in August 2015.

The Clones

The various clones planted in the vineyard's 30 acres of Pinot Noir yield wines with complex layers of flavors. The blend of clones in this vintage is 34% Swan, 34% Pommard, 23% Dijon 115 and 9% Dijon 667.

Tasting Notes

Bright cherry color and intense nose of raspberries, sassafras, rose hip, clove and cinnamon, classic of the Russian River/ Green Valley fruit. The palate is well balanced, with length and weight, reminiscent of pomegranate and orange peel. The ample tannins promise a long life. I would recommend serving this wine at cellar temperature, between 58-60° F.

2,810 cases produced (in 9L units)

Marimar Torres Founder & Proprietor

Suggested California Retail: \$49