



## 2014 Syrah, Don Miguel Vineyard Estate Grown, Estate Bottled

## The Don Miguel Vineyard

Named after the late patriarch of the Torres family, this 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 October 6<sup>th</sup>, hand sorted, destemmed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged in premium French oak barrels, 43% new, coopered by Remond from the forest of Bertranges. It was bottled, unfined and unfiltered, in August 2015.

## **Tasting Notes**

Syrah has been known to produce outstanding wines in cool regions like Northern Rhône, and we have found it to thrive in the sandy loam soils and Pacific-influenced weather of our Green Valley terroir.

Our third bottling from the Syrah variety shows the classic notes of white pepper found in the top cool-climate wines, in perfect harmony with the intense, enticing aromas of blueberry, violets and cocoa. The palate is fleshy and earthy, and the plush tannins, supple but firm, are perfectly integrated with the elegant oak, promising a long life. I would recommend serving it at cellar temperature, between 58-60° F.

Marimar Torres Founder & Proprietor

125 cases produced (in 9L units)

Suggested California Retail: \$53