

# 2022 "La Masía" Pinot Noir, Don Miguel Vineyard Estate Grown, Estate Bottled

#### Why "La Masía"?

*La Masía* means *The Farmhouse* in Catalonia, my home region, where my family has grown grapes since the 16th century. Our winery is designed to resemble a classic Catalan farmhouse to reflect our philosophy, which has always been to produce a wine as an extension of farming the vineyard.

## The Don Miguel Vineyard

Named after the late patriarch of the Torres family, this sustainable 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 25 to September 13, hand-sorted, destemmed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks using our own indigenous yeast. The wine was aged in premium French oak barrels, 30% new, coopered by Remond, Rousseau and Marchive from the forests of Vosges and Bertranges. It was bottled, unfined and unfiltered, in August 2023.

## 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 58% Pommard, 36 Swan, 8% Dijon 667, and 18% Dijon 115.

#### **Tasting Notes**

Beautiful nose reminiscent of cherries and blueberries. On the palate it is soft and elegant, with silky tannins, smooth but rich, with a spicy note of cinnamon and a trace of orange peel. The long and round aftertaste, integrated tannins and the frame of elegant oak ensure a long life. It will continue to develop for another 10-15 years, maybe more. Serve at cellar temperature, between 58-60° F.

970 cases produced (in 9L units)

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