



2018 Tempranillo, Don Miguel Vineyard *Estate Grown, Estate Bottled*

Why Tempranillo?

This is recognized as the finest red variety indigenous to Spain and after a decade of experimenting with it in our vineyard, we are thrilled with the results. Our site is proving ideal for it to thrive, just like it does in the cool areas of Ribera del Duero and High Rioja of Northern Spain.

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. It is planted in 'vaso' or head trained, which is the classic vine training system of the best Tempranillos grown in Spain; the fruit zone is circular around the head of the vine and the canopy creates an 'umbrella' shape over the fruit that results in dappled light.

The Vinification

The grapes were harvested October 17-18, hand sorted, destemmed, and fermented in small stainless steel tanks, using our own indigenous yeast. The wine was aged in premium French oak barrels, 32% new, coopered by Magreñán from the forest of Vosges and Marchive from Bertranges. After 18 months in the barrels to soften the tannins, it was bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered, in April 2020.

Tasting Notes

Classic aromas of the variety like black cherry and figs, beautifully integrated with the notes of baking spices, fennel and hints of tobacco contributed by the elegant oak. The palate is rich and round, with soft and chewy tannins that promise a very long life — 15 to 20 years at least. I would recommend serving it at cellar temperature, between 58-60° F.

Marimar Torres
Founder & Proprietor

740 cases produced (in 9L units)

Suggested California Retail: \$64