



2018 "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 17th 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 September 5-13, 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 Bertranges and Central France. It was bottled, unfined and unfiltered, in August 2019.

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 40% Pommard, 29% Dijon 115, 19% Swan, and 12% Dijon 667.

Tasting Notes

Bright classic color and nose, reminiscent of raspberries and black cherries, with savory notes of orange peel and sage, sandalwood and sassafras. The palate has scents of violets and orange blossoms, with soft tannins that promise a long life. It will continue to develop for another 10-15 years, maybe more. Serve at cellar temperature, between 58-60° F.

2,038 cases produced (in 9L units)

Marimar Torres Founder & Proprietor

Suggested California Retail: \$62