



# 2021 "Acero" Chardonnay, Don Miguel Vineyard Estate Grown, Estate Bottled

# Why "Acero"?

*Acero* is the Spanish word for steel and it refers to the fact that this wine has never seen any oak. Especially selected for fruit intensity and aromatics, the grapes are fermented in stainless steel to capture the purity of the flavors. The wine is then kept in the tank until bottling in early spring.

# 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 Clones

The clones we used for this vintage of Acero were 93% See and 7% Spring Mountain.

# The Vinification

The grapes were harvested September 10 - 16, gently whole-cluster pressed and cold fermented in stainless steel tanks at 55 degrees F. After completing the primary fermentation, the wine was kept in the tank and bottled in May 2022.

#### **Tasting Notes**

The expansive aromas are reminiscent of white peach and other stone fruits, with engaging floral notes of honeysuckle and rose. The palate, bright and crisp, shows a refreshing minerality and excellent fruit/acid balance. Easy to drink and perfect with foods like tapas, seafood and lighter dishes. I would recomment serving it at 46-48°F.

Marimar Torres Founder & Proprietor

# 1,052 cases produced (in 9L units)

# Suggested California Retail: \$34