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Decanter's long-standing consultant editor and 2017 *Decanter* Man of the Year hand-picks fine wines for drinking now and recommends others to lay down, all priced from £25 upwards

For the cellar

Marimar Estate Pinot Noir

The estate that Marimar Torres, younger sister of Miguel Torres Sr, oversees in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley released its first wines in 1991 and, with European methods adapted to Californian conditions, it has been biodynamically farmed since 2010. Over a recent dinner with Marimar, her

Albarino 2015 showed fragrant clarity and her unoaked **Chardonnay Acero 2014** blended ripeness and acidity, but it was her **2013 Pinot Noirs** from Swan, Pommard, Dijon 115 and Dijon 667 clones close-planted (for California) to 4,940 vines/ha, bottled unfiltered and unfinned, that really impressed.



La Masía ('farmhouse' in Catalan) **Don Miguel Vineyard** (91/100, £41.99, 2017-2023, 14%), immediately attractive

like a Santenay 1er Cru, with unforced savoury notes and a firm finish. **Mas Cavalls** ('horse farm') **Dofia Margarita Vineyard**

(93, £41.99, 2017-2025, 14%) showed more depth

and structure; Côte de Nuits-like with a lovely nose and silky texture. Finally

Cristina Don Miguel

Vineyard (95, £51.49,

2017-2028, 14%), named after her daughter, is a special barrel selection that best represents the terroir: rich, earthy nose, elegance, refined tannins and depth that will repay cellaring.

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