



# 2021 "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 September 7 to October 31, 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 Allier. It was bottled, unfined and unfiltered, in August 2022.

#### 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 53% Pommard, 35% Swan, 7% Dijon 667, and 5% Dijon 115.

## **Tasting Notes**

Deep, complex and classic nose of dark berries, orange peel and spice. The palate is savory and rich, polished but intense and round, with good acidity and tannin structure that will become integrated and soften up with age. It will continue to develop for another 10-15 years, maybe more. Serve at cellar temperature, between 58-60° F.

1,226 cases produced (in 9L units)

Marimar Torres Founder & Vintner

Suggested California Retail: \$64