

SPELL

2012 Marimar Estate Vineyard

Pinot Noir | Sonoma Coast



The Dona Margarita Vineyard overlooking the township of Freestone on the Sonoma Coast is the postcard perfect pinot noir vineyard. With its close proximity to the cold Pacific Ocean on a hillside of Goldridge soils the wines produced from this vineyard are exotic and seamlessly balanced.

A dark crimson, almost purple color introduces bright aromas of Black cherry, ripe strawberry, sassafras, forest floor and black chanterelles that fill the glass. Smooth, lush tannins circulate with ripe fruit flavors while Sumac spice and coffee notes carry through to the finish highlighted by a lingering mineral element.

Drink now or over the next 4 - 5 years.

Oak: 100% French; 40% New, 25% once used, and 35% older.

Clones: Pommard 4 and Dijon 115

Harvested: September 27, 2012 and October 4, 2012

Bottled: August 8, 2013

Alcohol: 14.2%

149 Cases produced | Released March 1, 2014

91 points | Stephen Tanzer's IWC

Vivid ruby-red. Sexy, oak-spiced cherry and black raspberry scents are lifted by smoky mineral and Asian spice nuances. Offers palate-staining dark berry and floral pastille flavors that become livelier and more aromatic with aeration. Dusty tannins build slowly on the finish, giving grip to the wine's plush, sappy fruit.

90 points | Pinotfile

"Sourced from the Dona Margarita Vineyard located in Freestone. Pommard 4 and Dijon 115 clones. Aged in 40% new, 25% once used and 35% older French oak barrels. · Moderately dark reddish-purple color in the glass. Fresh aromas of raspberry tart, cherry glaze and spice. A polished wine with broad flavors of black cherry and red raspberry with an earthy underpinning. The oak is nicely integrated and the tannins are modest and focused. About the same the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle." Reviewed February 22, 2014