

2018 Marimar Estate 'Don Miguel Vineyard' Tempranillo Russian River Valley

APPELLATION:

Russian River Valley, California

VARIETAL: Tempranillo

VINEYARD:

Don Miguel Vineyard

WINEMAKE & OWNER:
Marimar Torres

AGING

18 Months French Oak, 32% New

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2028

Paella or Charcuterie

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052116 | \$59.95

DESCRIPTION:

Founder Marimar Torres is a fourth-generation winemaker. As an importer for her family's Torres Wines, she moved to California in 1975 and began planting her Don Miguel Vineyard in the Russian River Valley in 1986. A Catalan-inspired winery followed, along with a second vineyard, Doña Margarita, on the West Sonoma Coast. Marimar crafts all her wines from her estate-grown fruit, including Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Spanish varietals: Tempranillo, Albariño, and Godello. Her daughter, Cristina Torres, joined the leadership team at Marimar Estate in 2020. This will be the first time in five generations that the family business is passed from mother to daughter.

TASTING NOTES:

Classic aromas of the variety like black cherry and figs, beautifully integrated with the notes of baking spices, fennel, and hints of tobacco contributed by the elegant oak. The palate is rich and round, with soft and chewy tannins that promise a very long life.





2018 Tikal 'Júbilo' Red Blend, Mendoza

APPELLATION:

Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

VARIETALS:

60% Malbec, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER:

Luis Reginato

AGING:

14 Months French Oak, 70% New

ALCOHOL:

14.5 %

BEST FROM:

2025 through 2029

ACCOLADES:

94 Pts – James Suckling

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Roasted Duck with a fruit sauce

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052175 | \$69.95

DESCRIPTION:

Tikal Winery was founded by Ernesto Catena, a 4th generation winemaker. Tikal is a renowned winery located in Mendoza, Argentina. It is named after the ancient Mayan city of Tikal in Guatemala. Tikal combines traditional winemaking techniques with modern practices to create wines of exceptional quality and character. The winery is committed to organic and biodynamic farming methods.

TASTING NOTES:

"Blackcurrants, tree bark, aniseed, cedar, and tobacco with a splash of dark spice. A full-bodied red with lots of fruit-coated, dusty tannins to chew on. Long and powerful finish, but polished." -James Suckling





2019 Joseph Jewell 'Bucher Vineyard' Pinot Noir Russian River

APPELLATION:

Russian River, California

VARIETAL:

VINEYARD:

Bucher Vineyard

WINEMAKER: Adrian Jewell

AGING:

II Months French Oak, 28% New

ALCOHOL:

14.1%

BEST FROM: Now through 2029

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Roasted Pork Tenderloin

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1051013 | \$64.95

DESCRIPTION:

Joseph Jewell Winery is a small family-owned winery that is based in the Russian River Valley. The winery was founded in 2006 by Joseph Wirth and Adrian Jewell Manspeaker, hence the name Joseph Jewell. Both founders hold a passion for creating wines that reflect the unique terroir of the Russian River Valley. The winery specializes in producing small-lot, hand-crafted wines, mainly Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The winery works with well-known vineyards throughout the Russian River Valley, such as Bucher Vineyard, and Hallberg Vineyard.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2019 Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir showcases brilliant ruby color with a youthful edge. Compelling aromas of bright cherry, and raspberry with hints of sweet earth and vanilla. The palate is filled with succulent, silky textures and flavors of fresh bing cherries.





2020 BenMarco 'Expresivo' Malbec

APPELLATION:

Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

VARIETALS:

85% Malbec, 15% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKER:

Edgardo Del Popolo

AGING:

14 Months French Oak, 70% New

ALCOHOL:

14.5 %

BEST FROM:

2025 through 2029

ACCOLADES:

96 Pts – James Suckling

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Grilled Flank Steak with chimichurri sauce

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052174 | \$49.95

DESCRIPTION:

BenMarco is all about viticulture, having planted more than 3000 acres of vineyards across the finest AVAs within Argentina. With more than 30 years of experience, Edgardo Del Popolo is one of the most renowned and experienced Argentinian viticulturists. His endless curiosity and deep knowledge of Argentinian soils have gained him a strong reputation around the world as a foremost authority of the wines produced in Argentina.

TASTING NOTES:

"A nuanced but deep nose, showing crushed stones, fresh and glossy blackberries, and blueberries, then flowers, cocoa powder, and minerals. Broad, exuberant, and concentrated, but not at all heavy. This is juicy and so polished and dense, with silky, chalky tannins to coat the blueberry fruit. Fleshy, tight, and seamless. Long and so seductive now." – James Suckling





2021 Viña Cobos Bramare Malbec, Luján de Cuyo

APPELLATION:

Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina

VARIETAL:

100% Malbec

WINEMAKER:

Paul Hobbs

AGING:

18 Months French Oak, 20% New

ALCOHOL:

BEST FROM:

14.8%

14.07

2024 through 2030

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Grilled Tri-Tip Steak

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052188 | \$45.95

DESCRIPTION:

Viña Cobos makes wines that are authentic expressions of the terroir from which they come. Paul Hobbs, the founding partner and winemaker founded Viña Cobos in 1998 and has worked within the different AVAs in Argentina since 1988. To say the least, Paul was on the cutting edge when he discovered the amazing vineyards in Argentina. With an attention to detail in every facet, including hand harvesting and table sorting each grape cluster, the wines of Viña Cobos are truly world-class, and the best expression of Argentina.

TASTING NOTES:

The youthful Viña Cobos Bramare Malbec offers intense ruby to garnet red color. The aromas combine ripe red and black fruit notes with a complexity of savory spice. The palate is very concentrated with black cherry, currants, and sweet tannins. Great length and texture on the finish.





2019 Eric Kent 'Atoosa's Vineyard' Syrah

APPELLATION:

Russian River, California

VARIETAL:

100% Syrah

VINEYARD:

Atoosa's Vineyard

WINEMAKER:

Kent Humphrey

AGING:

18 Months, 10% New French Oak

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2032

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Braised Lamb Chops

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052126 | \$49.95

DESCRIPTION:

One of those "hyper-enthusiastic" wine geeks since college, owner/winemaker Kent Humphrey worked his first harvest at the age of 33. He had a single goal in mind: to someday hold up a bottle of world-class wine and say to himself, "I made this." Years later he continues to learn with each vintage and bottling of Eric Kent. Sonoma County comprises one of the most diverse and impressive viticultural areas in the world. Their vineyards are chosen to highlight this diversity, from coastal to inland, high elevation to low, rocky soil to sandy, cool climate to warm, so that they can showcase this fascinating variety in their vineyard-designated wines, appellation wines, and proprietary blends.

TASTING NOTES:

Here is one of Eric Kent's most age-worthy Syrahs. This Syrah will require a bit of time to be enjoyed at its best. Offering a very deep youthful purple color almost opaque. The aromas are very expressive, showcasing black currant, plum, and crème de cassis notes. The palate is wonderfully savory with the classic red meat notes, crushed black fruits with layers of Asian spice, smoked meats, and lifted wildflower notes.

