

# W.H. Smith



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### 2006 Marimar Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

*New Wine!*

#### The Vineyard:

All of you Pinot Noir fans out there are undoubtedly familiar with the Pinot Noirs from the Marimar Estate, owned by Marimar Torres. We, too, have been fans of these wines for some time. Aren't we lucky that the first time Marimar decided to sell some fruit that it would be to us?

The grapes for this wine come from Marimar's organic Dona Margarita Vineyard in the Sonoma Coast Appellation. This beautiful vineyard is only 6 miles from the Pacific Ocean between the tiny towns of Freestone and Occidental in Western Sonoma County. In the European tradition, this vineyard is planted with 2,340 vines per acre – more than four times the normal density in California. The vineyard's twelve acres of Pinot Noir are planted to two different clones, Pommard and Dijon.

#### The Wine:

The color is deep, bright cherry with elegant, classic aromas of dark berries and exotic spices. Flavors of plums and a hint of cardamom excite the palate. It is rich and intense, with firm tannins yet supple and delicious.

#### Food Matches:

Wood-roasted or braised meats compliment this wine. Any dishes with an 'earthy' flavor, like wild mushroom risotto or truffle oil pasta would also be a perfect match.

#### Technical Information:

<b>Appellation:</b>	Sonoma Coast
<b>Composition:</b>	100% Pinot Noir Pommard and Dijon Clones
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Cold soaked 6-8 days. Fermented on skins
<b>Aging:</b>	9 months in 100% new oak Combinations of François Frères and Taransaud
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.6%
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 20 – October 20, 2006
<b>Bottled:</b>	July 12, 2007
<b>Production:</b>	162 cases of 12/750ml for wholesale distribution
<b>Release Date:</b>	September 1, 2007