

# MIGRATION<sup>®</sup>

## 2010 SANTA MARIA VALLEY PINOT NOIR- BIEN NACIDO VINEYARDS

Defined by the idea of movement, Migration is dedicated to exploring Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions to create wines that highlight lush fruit, bright acidity and impeccably balance oak. Established in 1973, Bien Nacido has earned a reputation as one of California's premier vineyards. Planted in the low-vigor soils of the Santa Maria Valley, the vines face the full force of the wind and fog off the Pacific. The result is a Pinot Noir that balances richness and elegance with blackberry and ripe strawberry flavors underscored by enlivening acidity and notes of green tea and spice.

### IN THE VINEYARD

Though the beginning of the growing season was cold and wet, we had a successful bloom and set. Because the cool weather continued into summer, we applied extensive canopy management and vineyard floor cultivation, with little-to-no irrigation. After heat spikes in late August and early September, the end of the season was nice and temperate, and we were able to harvest ripe, high-quality fruit before any rain events. Despite its challenges, 2010 proved excellent for cool-climate winegrowing, delivering elegant wines with depth of flavor and superb balance at relatively low Brix.

### COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

There is a wildness, depth and complexity to this wine that immediately sets it apart. Dark and compelling, it displays concentrated black fruit and cassis elements with underlying layers of chocolate, leather, tobacco leaf, white pepper and a hint of mushroom. Though smooth and velvety, a beam of acidity supports this wine's power and richness, adding poise and definition.

### VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

### HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Date: September 15, 2010  
Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.5° Brix  
1 Vineyard Harvested

### COOPERAGE

100% French Oak  
45% New Oak, 55% Second Vintage  
Barrel Aging: 10 Months

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.5%  
0.63 g/100 ml titratable acidity  
pH: 3.62

Bottled: July 2011  
Release Date: September 2012

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