

MIGRATION[®]

2011 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR – DUTTON RANCH

Since our first vintage in 2001, Migration has developed a refined and compelling style that balances vibrancy and finesse. Defined by the idea of movement, Migration is dedicated to going beyond our Anderson Valley origins and exploring Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions. This exploration has taken us to the hillsides of Dutton Ranch in the heart of Green Valley - the coolest and foggiest part of the Russian River Valley. At Dutton Ranch, ideal Goldridge soils, and a mix of elite clones, produce a complex and aromatically driven wine with bright cherry, cranberry and red raspberry layers, supported by beautiful acidity and sophisticated notes of Asian spice and earth.

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2011 growing season was one of the coolest in memory. To counteract uneven vine growth due to unusual spring weather, we did meticulous green thinning. We also gently opened up the canopy to expose the fruit, were judicious in our picking schedule, and sorted meticulously both in the vineyards and winery. The majority of our Pinot Noir came in before the October rains. The resulting wines are bright and elegant with slightly lower alcohols, lovely aromatics, natural acidity and pure fruit flavors.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

Aromas of cardamom, coffee, earthy forest floor and sweet tree bark rise from the glass before revealing subtler layers of plum, cranberry and sour cherry. These complex aromatics are all tied together by a savory note of smoky bacon fat imparted from the barrel aging. On the palate, an initial hint of sweetness is perfectly balanced by a beam of acidity that adds definition to the richness, while also carrying the wine to a remarkably long and pleasurable finish.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: October 1, 2011
Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.8° Brix
7 Vineyards Harvested

COOPERAGE

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

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.5%
0.46 g/100 ml titratable acidity
pH: 3.93

Bottled: June 2012
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