

# MIGRATION<sup>®</sup>

## 2012 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY – SEARBY VINEYARD

Migration is dedicated to crafting Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions to create wines that highlight lush fruit, bright acidity and impeccably balanced oak. Planted in 1972, Searby is one of the Russian River Valley's great hillside vineyards. This wine was made from a special block of Searby's coveted old-vine Rued clone Chardonnay. Grown in sandy loam soils, these dry-farmed vines produce very small crops of intensely aromatic Chardonnay. The result is a fresh and focused wine that balances citrus, passion fruit, lemon blossom and lychee notes, with crisp, elegant acidity.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The 2012 growing season offered near-ideal temperatures, and with no unseasonable frosts, we were able to set a full crop. Temperate weather throughout the summer and a lack of heat spikes, meant the fruit ripened slowly, developing rich flavors, while maintaining excellent acidity. Cooler fall weather slowed down ripening and allowed us to pick everything exactly when we wished. As a result, our 2012 whites show beautiful varietal character with a solid citrus base and abundant ripe tropical fruit.

### COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

Searby's old-vine Rued clone Chardonnay has delivered a wine with intense floral aromatics that give way to lovely layers of stone fruit, melon, lemon custard and subtle vanilla. On the palate there is incredible concentration with great length and weight. Vibrant citrus, passion fruit and floral notes are underscored by subtle toasty oak from barrel aging. These oak accents also enhance the wine's structure, adding to its great aging potential.

### VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Chardonnay

### HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Date: October 20, 2012  
Average Sugar at Harvest: 24° Brix  
1 Vineyard Harvested

### COOPERAGE

100% Barrel Fermentation  
100% French Oak  
35% New Oak, 65% Second Vintage  
Barrel Aging: 10 Months

### TECHNICAL DATA

75% Malolactic  
Alcohol: 14.1%  
0.51 g/100 ml titratable acidity  
pH: 3.61

Bottled: July 2013  
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