

MIGRATION[®]

2008 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Defined by the idea of movement, Migration is dedicated to exploring Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions to create wines that highlight lush fruit, bright acidity and impeccably balanced oak. To craft our premiere Chardonnay, this exploration took us to California's Russian River Valley, where layers of ocean fog cool the vines that grow in the region's famous Goldridge sandy loam soils. Reflecting this world-class terroir, this vibrant and sophisticated Chardonnay combines white flower aromatics with enticing lemon custard and stone fruit flavors.

IN THE VINEYARD

The Russian River Valley experienced a dry winter and spring to start the 2008 growing season. After a heat spell in May, weather returned to the normal cycle of cool nights and warm days moderated by daily maritime fog. We worked with a variety of renowned vineyards to create the 2008 blend, with an emphasis on fruit from Green Valley, an especially cool region within the Russian River Valley. The long, mild growing season allowed the fruit to ripen slowly, producing classic bright Russian River Valley flavors with refreshing acidity.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

Reflecting the bright character and cool-climate structure of a classic Russian River Valley winegrowing season, our premier release of Migration Chardonnay offers an array of white flower, honeydew, apricot, white peach, pie crust and lemon custard aromatics. On the palate, stone fruit and custard layers are underscored by excellent acidity and subtle oak, creating a harmonious wine that accentuates the purity and charm of its fruit.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September 18 – October 16, 2008

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.0° Brix

4 Vineyards Harvested

COOPERAGE

100% Barrel Fermentation

100% French Oak

47% New Oak, 53% Second Vintage

Barrel Aging: 10 Months

TECHNICAL DATA

75% Malolactic

Alcohol: 14.1%

0.61 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.59

Bottled: July 2009

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