

MIGRATION[®]

2009 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 flagship 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 2009 growing season offered picture-perfect growing conditions in the Russian River Valley. A relatively dry winter was followed by a dry spring, which naturally limited canopy growth and yields. Summer offered consistently even temperatures, with a classic Russian River Valley mix of cool, foggy mornings and afternoon sunshine. A moderate heat event in mid-September brought sustained temperatures in the 90s for the better part of two weeks. This timely heat allowed the fruit to develop pure, focused flavors, without losing natural acidity.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

Reflecting the vibrant character and cool-climate structure of an ideal winegrowing season in the Russian River Valley, this bright and elegantly balanced wine displays enticing white flower, Meyer lemon, white fig and almond blossom aromatics, alongside a subtle oak-inspired note of pie crust. Focused flavors of Anjou pear, green apple and lemon custard lead to a broad, lush mid-palate, with refreshing acidity adding further length and intensity.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September 2 – October 10, 2009

Average Sugar at Harvest: 23.7° Brix

14 Vineyards Harvested

COOPERAGE

90% Barrel Fermentation

100% French Oak

36% New Oak, 64% Second Vintage

Barrel Aging: 10 Months

TECHNICAL DATA

75% Malolactic

Alcohol: 14.1%

0.58 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.55

Bottled: July 2010

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