

MIGRATION[®]

2011 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 2011 growing season was one of the coolest in memory. While unusual spring weather resulted in a smaller crop, the cool season was near perfect for developing pure, intense varietal flavors in our white grapes. Berries were small, and yields were down by 15 to 20 percent, adding to overall concentration and texture. The long, temperate growing season allowed the grapes to develop slowly with our Chardonnay coming in at optimal ripeness with excellent natural acidity, before the October rains.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

Offering all the richness and complexity that has made Chardonnay from the Russian River Valley famous, this wine displays inviting aromas of lemon custard, crème brûlée, vanilla and light caramel, as well as hints of acacia blossom and honeysuckle. On the palate, the mouthfeel is smooth and appealing with great mid-palate weight and seamless acid from start to finish. Citrus abounds throughout with lemon and orange peel eventually giving way to a long finish with subtle notes of toasted almond.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September 8 – October 13, 2011

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24° Brix

11 Vineyards Harvested

COOPERAGE

90% Barrel Fermentation

100% French Oak

35% New Oak, 65% Second Vintage

Barrel Aging: 10 Months

TECHNICAL DATA

75% Malolactic

Alcohol: 14.1%

0.60 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.42

Bottled: June 2012

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