

MIGRATION[®]

2012 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 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

Displaying all the complexity and concentration that has made Chardonnay from the Russian River Valley famous, this alluring wine offers stone fruit aromas of nectarine and peach, underscored by inviting layers of orange blossom, crème brûlée, toasted marshmallow, fennel and hints of sweet vanilla oak. On the palate, mouth-filling richness is balanced by a streak of intense acidity that adds to the wine's length and focus.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September 1 – October 4, 2012

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%

0.54 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.53

Bottled: July 2013

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