

MIGRATION[®]

2015 Russian River Valley Chardonnay *Running Creek Vineyard*

Highlighting lush, layered flavors, bright acidity and impeccably balanced French oak, Migration is dedicated to crafting wines from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions. This dedication led us to establish our estate vineyard in the heart of the legendary Russian River Valley. This wine is a selection of the best blocks and barrels of wine from this exceptional site. With notes of citrus blossom, white flower and stone fruit, this wine is layered with flavor and aroma while light and refreshing on the palate.

In the Vineyard

2015 provided another banner year for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley and throughout California. While warm winter weather led to an extremely early budbreak, a cooldown in spring resulted in some shatter, which in turn lowered yields. While the early budbreak led to one of our earliest harvests on record, because the season started so early, the grapes still had ample time to achieve ideal ripeness. Just as important, the somewhat smaller crop combined with ideal even weather during ripening yielded wines with exceptional concentration, as well as beautiful poise and fruit purity.

Comments from the Winemaker

The nose is vivid and bright with inviting aromas of Honeycrisp apple, nectarine, lilac and hibiscus. On the palate, layers of ripe peach, apple pie and crème brûlée are supported by excellent acidity, which adds poise and definition to the rich fruit flavors.

Varietal Content

100% Chardonnay

Harvest Information

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: August 22

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.3° Brix

Cooperage

90% French oak

30% new oak, 60% neutral, 10% stainless steel

Barrel Aging: 10 months

75% malolactic fermentation

Technical Data

Alcohol: 13.5%

0.53g/100 ml titratable acidity

16-24 days fermentation at 55-60°F

pH: 3.64

