# MIGRATION'

# 2008 ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Defined by the idea of movement, Migration is dedicated to exploring Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions. This exploration began in California's acclaimed Anderson Valley, where cool nights, clay soils and fog-enveloped mornings helped to shape a refined and compelling style balancing vibrancy and finesse. Following in this tradition, this lush, complex wine highlights signature Anderson Valley elements of dark cherry and ripe wild strawberry.

# IN THE VINEYARD

Despite frost and fire, 2008 was another great year for growing Pinot Noir in Anderson Valley, delivering excellent yields and a beautiful array of fruit. Harvest started on September 9th at our Confluence Vineyard, moved to Gowan Creek, and concluded at our Narrows and Abel vineyards on October 23rd. The beauty of the 2008 harvest was the range of styles it produced. As our vineyards continue to mature, their identities are becoming clearer and clearer, allowing us to make both complex, layered blends, and site-specific wines embodying a focused sense of place.

# COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

The 2008 growing season yielded a very complex and complete expression of Migration, with a rich, seamless entry, well-integrated tannins and a harmonious balance between fruit, texture and spice. The nose displays bright cherry, strawberry compote, violet and rhubarb layers, alongside more exotic elements of Asian spice, hickory, earth and roasted meats. These aromatics are echoed on the palate, and further supported by juicy acidity and notes of strawberry, plum, toffee, pie crust and a hint of white pepper.

#### VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

# HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September 22 – October 23, 2008 Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.6° Brix 8 Vineyards Harvested

#### **COOPERAGE**

100% French Oak 50% New Oak, 50% Second Vintage Barrel Aging: 16 Months

# TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.5% 0.51 g/100 ml titratable acidity pH: 3.8

Bottled: March 2010 Release Date: September 2010

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