

# MIGRATION<sup>®</sup>

## 2012 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

After a cold, dry winter, we did extensive pruning to delay budbreak until the optimal time. Early spring rains and warm weather produced ideal conditions from bloom through fruit set. Though we set a larger-than-normal crop, the clusters were dense and compact with abundant small berries, which is perfect for high-quality wine. Warm summer days, cool nights and clockwork fog allowed for slow, even ripening and the retention of acidity. We harvested block-by-block over an almost languid two-month period. Like the Anderson Valley itself, the resulting wines are pure and complex, balancing a natural richness with a rustic elegance.

### COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

There's a lovely Anderson Valley-ness to the nose with subtle hints of dried herbs and sassafras adding nuance to rich aromas of dark cherry and chocolate. On the palate, wild strawberry and cherry cola flavors mingle with hints of clove and holiday spices that carry through to a lingering finish.

### VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

### HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September 14-27, 2012

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.5° Brix

2 Vineyards Harvested

### COOPERAGE

100% French Oak

40% New Oak, 60% Second Vintage

Barrel Aging: 16 Months

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.53 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.84

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