

# MIGRATION<sup>®</sup>

## 2017 Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir *Bien Nacido Vineyard*

Migration is dedicated to crafting wines from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions highlighting lush fruit, bright acidity and impeccably balanced oak. Established in 1973, Bien Nacido has earned a reputation as one of California's premier vineyards. Planted in the low-vigor soils of the Santa Maria Valley, the vines face the full force of the wind and fog off the Pacific. The result is a Pinot Noir that balances richness and elegance, with blackberry and ripe strawberry flavors underscored by enlivening acidity and notes of green tea and spice.

### **In the Vineyards**

The 2017 growing season in Santa Barbara County was peaceful and perfect, with ideal early-season rains, nice warm weather throughout late spring and summer, regular cooling fog and no major heat events—all of which are optimum for growing world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. We hand-harvested our grapes in Santa Rita Hills and Santa Maria Valley over the course of ten days, with small clusters and berries yielding wines with an abundance of bright fruit and great intensity.

### **Comments from the Winemaker**

Offering soft, velvety tannins, bright acidity and vibrant fruit, this beautiful wine shows what can be achieved at a grand cru-caliber vineyard in an exceptional vintage. On the palate, high-toned red berry flavors of Bing cherry, strawberry and cranberry are framed by hints of toasty French oak and a juicy mouthfeel.

### **Varietal Content**

100% Pinot Noir

### **Harvest Information**

Appellation: Santa Maria Valley

Harvest Date: September 6

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.5° Brix

### **Cooperage**

100% French oak

Barrel Aging: 10 months

40% new oak, 60% neutral

### **Production and Technical Data**

Alcohol: 14.2%

0.57 g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-14 days fermentation at 85°F

pH: 3.69

