

MIGRATION[®]

2016 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir *Drum Canyon 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. Planted in 2003, and farmed by the Dierberg family, Drum Canyon Vineyard is located on the eastern edge of the famed Sta. Rita Hills winegrowing region, where cool, coastal breezes help to produce a beautifully structured Pinot Noir, with velvety tannins and pure notes of pomegranate, dark cherry and clove.



In the Vineyard

The 2016 growing season provided another excellent vintage in the Sta. Rita Hills. Warm weather in February was moderated by cold night temperatures, which delayed budbreak until early March. Ideal weather during flowering and set was followed by somewhat cooler temperatures during the growing season, with bursts of warm spells allowing for optimal ripening of the fruit. Crop yields were average, and the berry size was small-to-medium, offering lovely concentration and complexity.

Comments from the Winemaker

In 2016, the cool, marine-influenced climate of Drum Canyon Vineyard resulted in a supple and velvety wine, with enticing aromas of raspberry, cassis and flowers. On the palate, impeccably balanced acidity brightens the flavors of Bing cherry and sweet berries, with hints of vanilla and oak accentuating the vibrant fruit and carrying the wine to a lingering, well-textured finish.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Santa Rita Hills

Harvest Dates: August 30

Average Sugar at Harvest: 23.2° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

40% new oak, 60% neutral

Barrel Aging: 10 months

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 13.9%

0.59g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-14 days fermentation at 85°F

pH: 3.29