MIGRATION

2016 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir *Dutton Ranch*

Since our first vintage in 2001, Migration has developed a refined and compelling style that balances vibrancy and finesse. Defined by the idea of movement, Migration is dedicated to going beyond our Anderson Valley origins and exploring Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions. This exploration has taken us to the hillsides of Dutton Ranch in the heart of Green Valley - the coolest and foggiest part of the Russian River Valley. At Dutton Ranch, ideal Goldridge soils, and a mix of elite clones, produce a complex and aromatically driven wine with bright cherry, cranberry and red raspberry layers, supported by beautiful acidity and sophisticated notes of Asian spice and earth.

In the Vineyard

Harvest 2016 was another banner year for wine quality in the Sonoma Coast. Though budbreak was early due to warm weather in February and March, a cool spring led to delayed flowering and some shatter, lowering yields compared to the previous three vintages. The combination of an early budbreak and a moderate-sized crop led to one of the earliest harvest start dates on record. Though harvest was early, ideal temperate weather in the run-up to harvest resulted in wines of exceptional concentration and purity.

Comments from the Winemaker

The excellent 2016 growing season yielded a dark and alluring Pinot Noir from the famed Dutton Ranch. Mesmerizing aromas of blackberry and black cherry fill the glass, followed by perfumed floral notes and hints of cinnamon and clove. On the palate, this wine is broad and flowing, with generous fruit and a lingering vanilla and spice finish.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates: September 7 – 12
Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.6° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak
40% new oak, 60% neutral
Barrel Aging: 10 months

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 13.9%
0.51g/100 ml titratable acidity
10-14 days fermentation at 85°F
pH: 3.71