

MIGRATION[®]

2017 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

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

Once again, the famed Dutton Ranch has yielded a dark and alluring Pinot Noir with mesmerizing aromas of blackberry, black cherry and earthy forest floor. The dark berry elements are echoed on the palate, where they mingle with vibrant red fruit flavors and a broad, mouthcoating texture that glides to a lingering finish.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Santa Rita Hills

Harvest Date: September 2 – 20

Average Sugar at Harvest: 23.9° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

Barrel Aging: 10 months

40% new oak, 60% neutral

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.2%

0.60 g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-14 days fermentation at 85°F

pH: 3.57