

MIGRATION[®]

2015 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

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 storied vineyards of California's Russian River Valley, where clockwork fog and Goldridge sandy loam soils have contributed to a Pinot Noir with beautiful, high-tone red fruit flavors of strawberry, cherry and cranberry and enticing hints of orange-cinnamon spice.



In the Vineyards

2015 provided another banner year for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley and throughout California. While warm winter weather led to an extremely early budbreak, a cooldown in spring resulted in some shatter, which in turn lowered yields. While the early budbreak led to one of our earliest harvests on record, because the season started so early, the grapes still had ample time to achieve ideal ripeness. Just as important, the somewhat smaller crop combined with ideal even weather during ripening yielded wines with exceptional concentration, as well as beautiful poise and fruit purity.

Comments from the Winemaker

Classic Russian River Valley aromas of ripe red raspberry, Bing cherry and pomegranate explode from the glass. These vibrant red berry flavors are echoed on the lush, silky palate, where they mingle with notes of blackberry and hints of French oak-inspired spice.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: August 13 – September 10

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.5° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

40% new oak, 60% neutral

Barrel Aging: 10 months

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.1%

0.53g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-14 days fermentation at 85°F

pH: 3.70