

MIGRATION[®]

2015 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir *Running Creek 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. This dedication led us to establish our estate vineyard in the heart of the legendary Russian River Valley. This wine is a selection of the best blocks and barrels of wine from this exceptional site. Though rich and supple, with alluring flavors of blackberry and Bing cherry, it is also a beautifully complex, terroir-driven wine.

In the Vineyard

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

This lush and inviting Russian River Valley Pinot Noir begins with aromas of wild strawberry, brambleberry and just a hint of freshly baked bread. Supple and generous on the palate, it offers wonderful fruit concentration, with layers of raspberry and blueberry, as well as flavors of moist earth and spice.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: September 4 – 10

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: 14.5%

0.51g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-14 days fermentation at 85°F

pH: 3.62