

MIGRATION[®]

2016 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

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

This vibrant expression of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir begins with classic aromas of cranberry, Bing cherry and black raspberry, as well as hints of flowers and earthy forest floor. The lush red berry notes are echoed on the palate, where they are underscored by toasty oak and hints of buttery pie crust and sweet baking spices.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: September 6 – 10

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.2° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

40% new oak, 60% neutral

Barrel Aging: 10 months

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.52g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-14 days fermentation at 85°F

pH: 3.83