

MIGRATION[®]

2017 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

2017 offered idyllic growing conditions with plentiful winter and spring rains, which led to an excellent fruit set. While the summer was warm, with occasional heat spikes, healthy canopies and thoughtful pruning provided ideal dappled sunlight on the vines. Just as our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were achieving ideal ripeness, a major heat event hit the valley. The result was an extremely brisk harvest with long nights of hand-picking and days full of sorting, destemming and pressing. While the pace of harvest was challenging, the fruit came in beautifully, fermented flawlessly and yielded wines with vibrant fruit and lovely acidity.

Comments from the Winemaker

A lush and evocative expression of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, this wine reveals aromas of Bing cherry, pomegranate and raspberry, as well as earthy undertones that add nuance and depth. On the palate, it is rich and luxurious, with layers of pure varietal fruit and baking spices, seamlessly integrated oak and a vibrant underlying acidity that carries the wine to a long, balanced finish.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: September 4 – 8

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.6° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

Barrel Aging: 10 months

40% new oak, 60% neutral

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.2%

0.57 g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-14 days fermentation at 85°F

pH: 3.71