

MIGRATION[®]

2023 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY 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. With notes of citrus blossom, white flower and stone fruit, this wine is layered with flavor and aroma while light and refreshing on the palate.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 growing season began with a cool, wet winter followed by a cool-to-moderate spring. This delayed budbreak and bloom in many regions, especially the Green Valley, Petaluma Gap and Carneros AVA's, with some vineyards two-to-four weeks behind average. We harvested our first Russian River Valley Pinot Noir on September 14th and slowly progressed from north to south, harvesting Pinot Noir and some Chardonnay's in early October. After a miraculous series of short heat waves that pushed the grapes to ripeness, we began harvesting Chardonnay in earnest and concluded harvest on October 27th. Viticultural practices were key to success in 2023, including crop adjustments and leafing to increase sun exposure and ensure ideal ripeness. Our diligence paid off, with red wines showcasing concentrated flavors, excellent textures and deep hues and whites presenting delicate, fresh aromatics and vibrant acidity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This radiant Chardonnay opens with aromas of sweet citrus, orange blossom and mineral, highlighted by hints of vanilla. The juicy, balanced palate showcases vibrant acidity, with a long, full finish marked by notes of citrus zest and a touch of minerality that lingers beautifully.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Russian River Valley	ALCOHOL	14.2%
VINEYARDS	Running Creek Vineyard	PH	3.51
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% estate Chardonnay	ACIDITY	0.62 g/100ml
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 10 months in 100% French oak 38% new, 62% neutral		
KEY COOPERS	Damy, François Frères, Rousseau, Tremeaux		
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry		
MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION	100%		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Vineyard planted in 2008.		



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