MIGRATION

2012 SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY – CHARLES HEINTZ VINEYARD

Migration is dedicated to crafting Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions to create wines that highlight lush fruit, bright acidity and impeccably balanced oak. Since being planted in 1982, Charles Heintz Vineyard in Green Valley has emerged as a legendary site for world-class Chardonnay. Located atop the second ridge inland from the Pacific at an elevation of 900 feet, Heintz is a warmer vineyard in a very cool winegrowing region. This unique combination creates a gracefully balanced wine that combines the richness and intensity of perfectly ripened old vine fruit with the structure and acidity of great Sonoma Coast winegrowing.

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2012 growing season offered near-ideal temperatures, and with no unseasonable frosts, we were able to set a full crop. Temperate weather throughout the summer and a lack of heat spikes, meant the fruit ripened slowly, developing rich flavors, while maintaining excellent acidity. Cooler fall weather slowed down ripening and allowed us to pick everything exactly when we wished. As a result, our 2012 whites show beautiful varietal character with a solid citrus base and abundant ripe tropical fruit.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

The aromas of this wine are vibrant and complex, offering layers of citrus blossom, pear, honeysuckle, piecrust and crème brûlée, as well as hints of fennel seed, sea spray and wet stone. On the palate, focused acidity adds poise and dimension, underscoring the lovely fruit and plush mouthfeel, all while drawing this wine to a long, lingering finish.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: October 21, 2012
Average Sugar at Harvest: 24° Brix
1 Vineyard Harvested

COOPERAGE

100% Barrel Fermentation
100% French Oak
40% New Oak, 60% Second Vintage
Barrel Aging: 10 Months

TECHNICAL DATA

75% Malolactic
Alcohol: 14.1%
0.50 g/100 ml titratable acidity
pH: 3.62
Bottled: July 2013
Release Date: March 2014

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