

MIGRATION[®]

2015 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

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POINTS

“Migration is a line of wines produced under the auspices of the Duckhorn Wine Company, which is at the very top of its game these days, turning out terrific wines from all of its brands. There are several Migration Chardonnays, including a Charles Heintz Vineyard release from Sonoma Coast (\$55) and a Dierberg Vineyard release from the Santa Maria Valley (also \$55). These are both quite good wines...ripe and rich with plenty of fancy oak accents. But however implausible this may seem, I much preferred this more modest Russian River Valley bottling, which rings up for \$32 and is also much more widely available. It is the simplest of the three, but also the freshest, with wonderful purity to the fruit, which recalls moderately ripe peaches and baked apples, along with citrus edging. Medium-plus body makes for a satisfying wine, yet it is every bit as refreshing as it is substantial. I've always been leery of the 'less is more' cliché, but I'll need to rethink that after tasting this beauty.”

-Michael Franz, Wine Review Online

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