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DUCKHORN WINE COMPANY ACQUIRES 90-ACRE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR AND CHARDONNAY VINEYARD

The property establishes an estate vineyard for the company's Migration Winery.

NAPA VALLEY, Calif. – November 20, 2014 – Duckhorn Wine Company is excited to announce the acquisition of a 90-acre Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyard on River Road in the Russian River Valley. The purchase includes two contiguous parcels: a 70-acre Pinot Noir vineyard previously called Mills Vineyard, and an adjacent 20-acre Chardonnay vineyard named River Road Vineyard. Both properties were acquired from J Vineyards & Winery for an undisclosed selling price. Together, the two parcels will become a single estate property for Migration, Duckhorn Wine Company's Russian River Valley-focused Chardonnay and Pinot Noir winery. As part of the acquisition, Migration harvested Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the property during the 2014 harvest. Beginning with the 2014 vintage, and moving forward, grapes from this vineyard will be the cornerstone of Migration's Russian River Valley Pinot Noir and Chardonnay bottlings.

Originally planted in the early 1980s by Silverado Premium Properties, Mills Vineyard was replanted in 2000 and 2006 to a careful selection of top Pinot Noir clones, featuring 667, 777, 828, 115, Pommard and Calera. These clones were planted at a higher density than the original plantings in the vineyard's fertile Yolo loam soils, with an east-west row direction to ensure even sun exposure on both sides of the canopy. River Road Vineyard was replanted in 2008 to 7' by 5' spacing, a north-south row direction and four clones of Chardonnay: Wente, Hanzell, Clone 4 and Clone 96. Located in Forestville, the property's neighbors include Williams Selyem, Gary Farrell and Rochioli to the north, and Lynmar Estate, Joseph Swan Vineyards and Kistler Vineyards to the south.



“From vineyard design to clonal selection, this tremendous property has been meticulously developed and farmed,” says Migration Winemaker Bo Felton. “Not only is it already an important part of our Russian River Valley wines, but it has the potential to make exceptional vineyard-designate wines as well.”

“Since the early days of Duckhorn Vineyards almost 40 years ago, combining estate fruit with grapes from top growers has been central to our winemaking philosophy,” says Duckhorn Wine Company President and CEO Alex Ryan. “This is a philosophy we have carried on at Goldeneye, Paraduxx, Decoy and, most recently, Canvasback in Washington State. Adding a vineyard of this caliber as an estate property for Migration is the start of a great new chapter in the Migration story.”

About Duckhorn Wine Company

Duckhorn Wine Company has helped set the standard for American fine wine for almost four decades. Founded with the launch of Duckhorn Vineyards in 1976, the Duckhorn portfolio has evolved to include Goldeneye, Paraduxx, Migration, Decoy and Canvasback, each with its own dedicated winemaker. With almost 700 acres of acclaimed estate vineyards in California’s Napa Valley, Sonoma County, Anderson Valley and Washington State’s Red Mountain, along with grapes from the finest growers, each winery has its own focused winegrowing program from which to make its wines. Duckhorn Wine Company wines are available throughout the United States, on five continents, and in 45 countries. For more information, visit Duckhorn.com.

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