

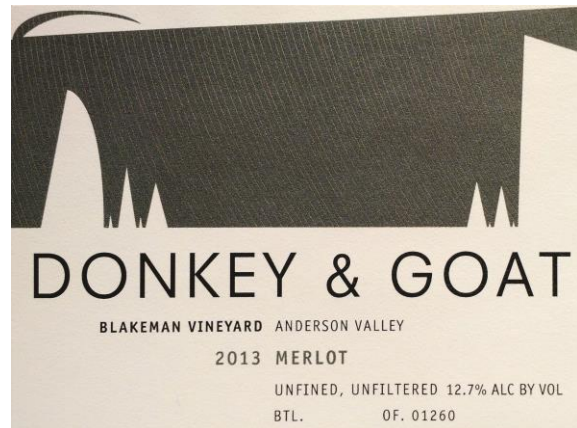


2014 Merlot

Blakeman Vineyard

Anderson Valley

Appellation: Anderson Valley
Vineyard: Blakeman
Varietal: Merlot
Clone: Unknown
Age: Planted 1976
Elevation: 950 feet
Soil: Colluvium loam – decomposed sandstone
Yield: 2 tons/acre
Harvested: September 27, 2014
Pressed: October 15, 2014
Blend: 100% Merlot
Maceration: Wild yeast, 40% whole cluster
Barrel aging: 20 months in neutral FO barrels
Bottled: Unfiltered on July 28, 2016
Production: 122 cases
Release date: Fall 2017



Tasting Note:

This atypical California Merlot presents as a classic Bordeaux style Merlot with perfect dark red fruit, a hint of minerality, and just enough olive and dried herbs to satisfy Tracey's Pyrazine desires. Dusty, earthy and herbaceous notes unfold to showcase black cherry, currants and raspberry aromas laced with orange rind. Near perfect balance between fruit, tannins, spice, and acidity.