



2014 Syrah

Fenaughty Vineyard

El Dorado

We headed to the Sierra Foothills in search of Syrah grown on granite in 2003. Our desire was to find a terroir that would lend the wine the wet earth, minerals and blackberry notes found in Northern Rhône Syrah's. In 2005 we found Ron Mansfield and have made Fenaughty Vineyard Syrah since. We fell in love with this vineyard. It's north facing slope, old vines and distinct flavors. This wine illustrates perfectly why nearly half of our production is grown in the Sierra Foothills of El Dorado.

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyard: Fenaughty

Varietal: Syrah

Clone: Heritage

Age: Planted 1973 & grafted Syrah 1980

Elevation: 2800 ft.

Soil: Decomposed granite w/red clay loam

Harvested: September 11, 2014

Pressed: September 24, 2014

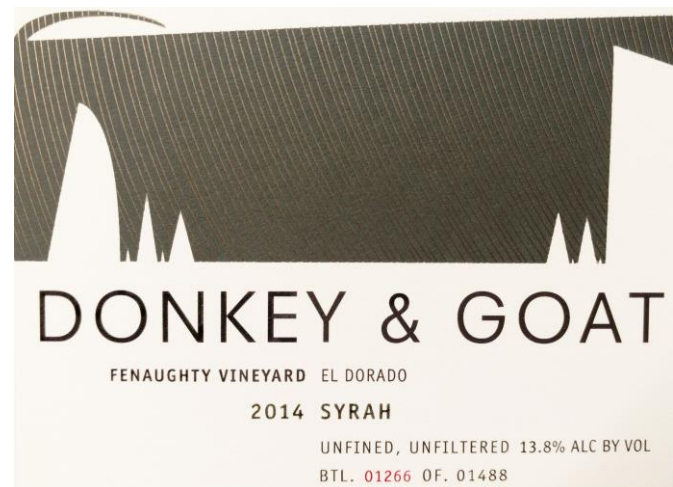
Fermentation: Wild yeasts & bacteria, 28% whole cluster, 13 days open top wood vat

Barrel aging: 22 months in a mix of once used and neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: July 28, 2016

Production: 118 cases

Release date: March 2018



Tasting Note:

Tobacco and earth notes intermingled with violets and lavender grab the olfactory immediately. The flavor development is masculine and is rugged like leather, grippy, with bold pepper and mesquite. It finishes with a tangy hit of iron and tannins trickle down the back of your throat.