



2017 Clairette

Barsotti Vineyard

El Dorado

Inspired by several glorious Chateauneuf du Pape Blancs, we became determined many years ago to make as many of the varietals as possible. Roussanne and Grenache Blanc have long held space in our cellar, followed years later by Picpoul in 2012 and Clairette in 2015. Although Clairette is new to California, it is a historical grape to Rhone (dating back to the 1500s). It is used often in hot and dry climates to balance out otherwise heavy alcohol levels and bring freshness to heftier varietals. Recognizing this crucial role this varietal plays shows you why we would want to focus on this as a single varietally focused wine.

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyard: Barsotti

Varietal: Clairette

Age: Planted 2011 & 2010

Elevation: 2800 ft.

Soil: Musick sandy loam

Harvested: Sept 20, 2017

Pressed: Sept 20, 2017

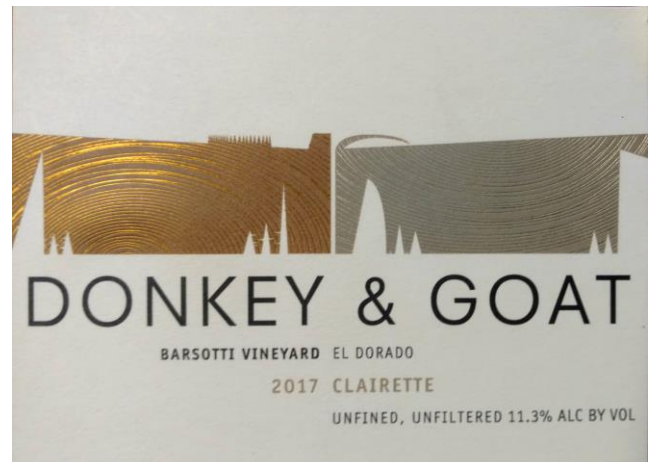
Fermentations: Wild yeasts & bacteria in neutral French oak barrels

Barrel aging: 8 months in neutral French oak

Bottled: May 1, 2018

Production: 124 cases

Release date: Summer 2018



Tasting Note:

This seamless white wine holds purity, focus and freshness as its cornerstone. Surprising depth and texture shows off well for a wine that has more of a shy and demure nose. Clairette brings to the table a fresh crisp flavor that is undeniable and leaves your mouth watering and your mind craving more! And just a touch of Picpoul brightens the mood even more with it's racy acidity and tangy citrus flavors.