



## 2016 *The Bear*

### Red Wine

### El Dorado

Making wine is the most humbling and magical of endeavors. Wines provide a voice for the connection between the earth, the vine and the elements. The Bear is the voice for the Fenaughty & Lightner Vineyards, as told through the Rhône varietals that led us to the Sierras in 2003. There we met Ron Mansfield and began planting grapes like Cinsault and Counoise to lend depth and soul to our blends.

*I have gone to the edge of the country  
with the taste of a morning on my lips.  
I am travelling the distances of red deer  
and foxes ---- tracks in the snow.  
My footprint is my signature.  
- Elanor Rees, "Eliza & The Bear"*

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyard: Fenaughty & Lightner

Varietal: Counoise, Cinsault, Mourvèdre, Grenache,  
Syrah, Roussanne

Elevation: 2700-2900 ft.

Soil: Decomposed granite w/ red clay loam

Harvested: September 6 - 13

Macerations: 8-15 days

Fermentation: Wild yeasts & bacteria in concrete &  
wood vats

Barrel aging: 10 months in mix of once used and  
Neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: July 28, 2017

Production: 267 cases

Release date: Fall 2018



### Tasting Note:

*A perfumed nose of wild blackberry and strawberry balanced elegantly with nutmeg and allspice. The sweetness of this wine is a bit edgy, like beet sugar, crafting a savory experience with a touch of salinity and earthy tones of black tea.*