



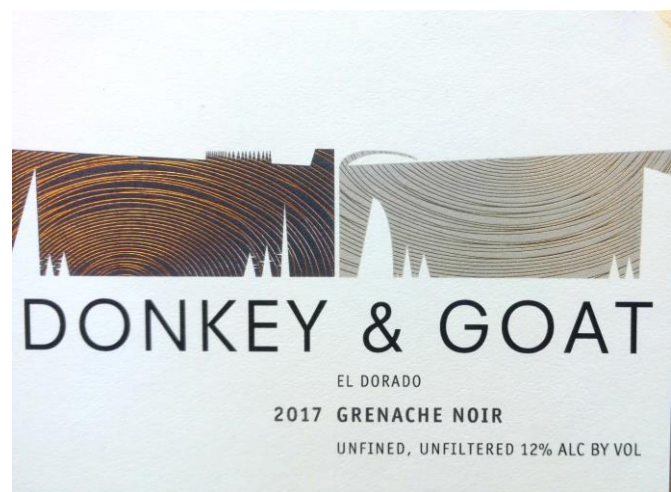
2017 Grenache Noir

Girard & Lightner Vineyards

El Dorado

This Grenache Noir is a blend from the Girard & Lightner vineyards planted in loamy soils of Hotow, Aiken & Argonaut in El Dorado. 2017 was a near perfect growing season with beautiful, calm weather throughout the year providing for well-balanced yields and high quality of fruit. This expressive wine loves being treated to a nice meal and in warmer climates, can be served chilled and be equally pleasing as it quenches your thirst.

Appellation: El Dorado
Vineyard: Girard & Lightner
Varietal: Grenache Noir
Clone: Mostly Tablas Creek
Age: Planted in 2000
Elevation: 2600 feet
Soil: Hotow, Aiken & Argonaut loam
Yield: 3 tons/acre
Harvested: Aug. 31 & Sept. 27, 2017
Pressed: Sept. 11 & Oct. 10, 2017
Blend: Mostly Grenache, 12% whole cluster
Maceration: Wild yeast, wood vat for 9 days
Barrel aging: 7 & 8 months in neutral FO barrels
Bottled: Unfiltered on May 2, 2018
Production: 165 cases
Release date: Fall 2018



Tasting Note:

A soft palate that tastes of fresh picked strawberries....really, to be specific, it's the entire strawberry with leaves, and a touch of dirt still intact. It's a pivot point between juicy red fruit and grippy young tannins. The aromatics are just as playful, bordering on smells of candied berries and a chamomile and citrus steeped tea.