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2013 *The Recluse* Syrah

Broken Leg Vineyard

Anderson Valley

For our last and 9th vintage at Broken Leg we decided to bottle age until we felt this gorgeous Syrah was strutting her charms. Two years 7 months later we think she is ready! Broken Leg was planted by the inimitable Steve Williams in the 1970's. Steve was the first to plant Syrah in the Valley and the first to convince us to make Pinot. Tracey chased down Steve in 2004 in their search for cool climate Syrah. In 2007 Steve and Tracey got together and grafted a 1.5 acre block of Viognier above his home to Pinot Noir. Tracey & Jared leased and farmed Broken Leg Vineyard for years but eventually could not maintain the level of attention needed from 120 miles away. We will cherish their miniscule last vintage of 95 cases!

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Broken Leg

Varietal: Syrah

Age: Planted 1975

Elevation: 650 ft.

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & loamy clay

Harvested: October 4, 2013

Pressed: October 22, 2013

Fermentations: Wild yeasts & bacteria in French oak barrels

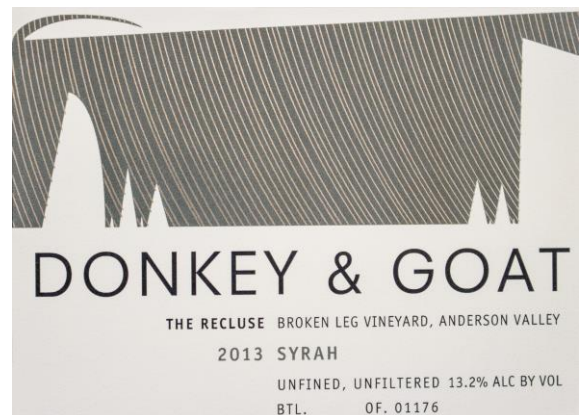
Maceration: 18 days open top Taransaud Oak Vat

Barrel aging: 2 years 8 months

Bottled: July 28, 2016

Production: 95 cases

Release date: Spring 2019



Tasting Note:

Dark red cherry, plum, licorice, mint and sweet spices are all woven together nicely in an effortless, gracious wine that shows considerable promise. The generous vintage balances some of the wilder characteristics of this windy site in 2013.