



2019 Merlot

Testa Vineyard

Mendocino

We've been making wines for nearly twenty years, but that doesn't stop us from exploring our curiosities and continually making new ones! 2018 was the first vintage of this Merlot from Maria Testa and Rusty's vineyard, and only 25 cases were made. This year we are delighted to increase the production of this lovely and delicate wine, with a little more to go around – though quantities are still very limited. Fun fact: certified badass Maria Testa is the 4th generation in her family to farm these vines.

While many Merlots out there flaunt robust flavors and velvety texture, ours does no such thing. We have always been among if not THE first to pick at our vineyards, and the Merlot is no exception. Our Merlot is worthy of contemplation, slow-sipping and conversations deep into the night.

Appellation: Mendocino

Vineyard: Testa

Varietal: Merlot

Age: Planted 1995

Elevation: 1300 ft.

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & Pinnobie

Harvested: September 18, 2019

Pressed: September 30, 2019

Fermentations: Wild yeast & bacteria in wood tank & neutral French oak barrels

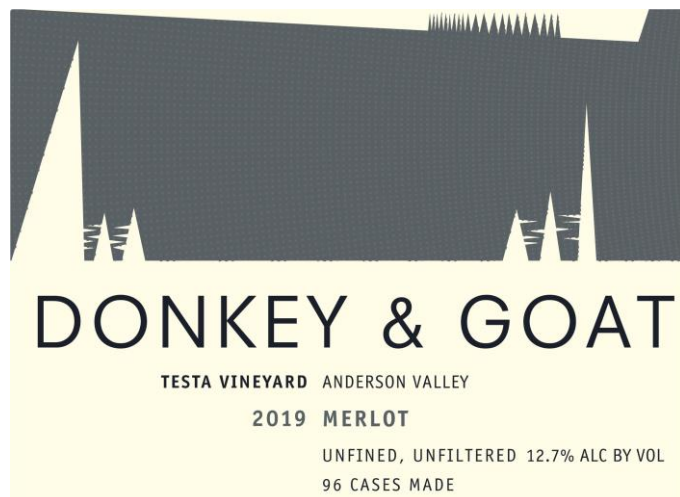
Maceration: 12 days

Aging: 10.8 months in wood tank & neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: July 21, 2020

Production: 96 cases

Release date: Fall 2021, EXCLUSIVE FOR MEMBERS



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Tasting Note:

For those who seek the calm of the woods, you will love this wine. It carries the scent of rainy lichen and wet moss, citrus leaf and tangerine skins. This is not your dad's Merlot, but he'd probably like it for other reasons. Enjoy slightly chilled with boquerones on toast, tinned fish, or classic sausage pizza.