

D O N K E Y & G O A T

2011 Grenache Noir, El Dorado

For years we've blended all of our Grenache into our Thirteen Series but now we finally have enough to go around. This is our second year making this El Dorado blend of Grenache (with a bit of Mourvèdre) the Fenaughty, Neighbors & Swansboro vineyards. The 2010 vintage was a **San Francisco Chronicle 2011 Top 100 wine** and led to our being called a "Grenache Whisperer". The 2011 is even better!

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyard: Fenaughty, Swansboro, Neighbors

Varietal: Grenache & Mourvedre

Clone: Mostly Tablas Creek

Age: 5 to 13 years

Elevation: 2,600 to 3,200 feet

Soil: Decomposed granite, red clay and loam

Yield: 2-3 tons/acre

Harvested: Oct 13-27

Pressed: Oct 26, Nov 2 & 11

Blend: 85% Grenache, 15% Mourvedre

Maceration: Wild yeast, wood vat, 12-14 days

Barrel aging: 7 months in neutral FO barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on May 22, 2012

Production: 246 cases

Release date: Summer 2012

Tasting Notes

Deep, bright red color with earthy and meaty notes laced with spice and red and dark berries. A lush texture with an array of juicy red fruit flavors with a minerality that adds vibrancy and helps to extend the long and focused finish.