

D O N K E Y & G O A T

2010 *Pourquois Pas?* Merlot, Anderson Valley

The Anderson Valley vineyard home to our *Untended* Chardonnay includes a small block of Merlot and the challenge of making ultra-cool climate Merlot was too tempting for Jared to resist. 2010 is our first endeavor and while it may confound fans of varietal Merlot those who appreciate our experimentation and enjoy mineral driven reds with verve will be hooked.

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Blakeman

Varietal: Merlot

Clone: Unknown

Age: 35 years

Elevation: 950 feet

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & loamy clay

Yield: 1 ton/acre

Harvested: Nov 2, 2010

Pressed: Nov 16, 2010

Blend: 100% Merlot

Fermentation: Wild yeast, neutral oak

Barrel aging: 14 months in neutral FO barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on Feb 14, 2012

Production: 23 cases

Release date: Summer 2012