

DONKEY & GOAT



## 2008 Mendocino Mélange, Syrah

Our Mélange is a blend of several of our Mendocino Syrah Vineyards and available under our new WHITE LABEL where the wines are made for everyday drinking pleasure. Remember, it's ALL small stuff—enjoy all of your moments!

Appellation: Mendocino

Vineyard: Broken Leg & McDowell

Varietal: Syrah

Clone: Durrell & Shiraz

Age: 27 & 90+ yrs

Elevation: 650 feet

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & loamy clay

Yield: 1-1.5 tons/acre

Harvested: 10/18 & 10/24

Pressed: 10/19 & 10/25

Blend: 98% Syrah + 2 % co-ferm Viognier

Maceration: 19 & 17 days

Barrel aging: 12 months in 1-3yr FO barrels

Bottled: July 30, 2010

Production: 194 cases

Release date: Fall 2010

### **TASTING NOTES:**

Crushed red fruit with spice, earth and hints of meaty notes on the nose. This is a medium bodied Syrah that provides immediate gratification and is a crowd pleasing everyday wine to turn any meal into an occasion.

### **WINEMAKING NOTES:**

The 2008 vintage in Mendocino was not without challenge which led us to declassify our vineyard designate Syrah wines and instead make appellation level blends as they nuance and individuality of the unique vineyards was not apparent. But make no mistake, this wine over delivers and continues to fly out of our warehouse. The vineyards were kept discreet until final blends for bottling were assembled.

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