

DONKEY & GOAT



2009 Pinot Noir, Broken Leg Vnyd, Anderson Valley

It was bound to happen...we could no longer resist trying our hand at making a natural Pinot Noir from the cool Anderson Valley in the spirit of the varietal's true nature. This is a light colored, medium bodied and delicate wine that dances across the palate and would NEVER be mistaken for our Syrah (that is a good thing we think).

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Broken Leg

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Clone: 115, 667 & Rochioli

Age: 2 yr old graft

Elevation: 650 feet

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & loamy clay

Yield: .75 tons/acre

Harvested: Oct. 1, 2009

Pressed: Oct. 18, 2009

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir

Maceration: 17 days

Barrel aging: 9 months in 50/50 1yr & neutral FO barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on July 30, 2010

Production: 51 cases

Release date: Fall 2010

TASTING NOTES:

On the nose cherry, spice and forest floor dance out of the glass and tickle the olfactory. The mouth is equally nimble as darker fruit flavors laced with more (asian?) spice skip across the palate until the silky and lingering finish which promises great things for those who wait. This is a light bodied, feminine wine that illustrates the beauty of Anderson Valley Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

We have long been teased our Syrah more closely resemble Pinot than many Pinot's these days. So, when Steve Williams at Broken Leg offered to graft his Viognier block to Pinot for us we could not resist the temptation to try our hand. We sorted and de-stemmed 70%, leaving 30% whole cluster. All into our open top wood vats. From there we added nothing, allowing the wild yeast to start fermentation naturally, in this case, 4 days later. We punched down by hand 2-3x/day and pressed after a 17 day maceration or once the wine was dry and cap was ready. 50/50 1yr and neutral FO barrels for aging. The wine stayed sur lie until we racked to tank for bottling in mid July. The wine was bottled with fining or filtration on July 30, 2010.

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