

DONKEY & GOAT



2007 Reserve Syrah, Broken Leg Vnyd, Anderson Valley

Our Reserve Syrah wines stay in barrel for 36 months and thus far we've changed the vineyard for the reserve each year. Broken Leg Vineyard Syrah aged 36 months is simply stunning.

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Broken Leg

Varietal: Syrah

Clone: Durrell & Shiraz

Age: 27 yrs old

Elevation: 650 feet

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & loamy clay

Yield: 2-2.5 tons/acre

Harvested: Oct. 26, 2007

Pressed: Nov 17, 2007

Blend: 97% Syrah + 3% Viognier

Maceration: 22 days

Barrel aging: 32 months in 50/50 1yr & neutral FO barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on July 30, 2010

Production: 45 cases

Release date: Fall 2010

TASTING NOTES:

Blueberry, violet and ferrous meaty aromas are immediate. With time the meat is clearly smoky bacon and forrest floor and peppercorn become prominent. The mouth is lush with more dark fruits like blackberry and cassis. The tannins are long but softened and the finish leaves you wishing for more.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

Our Reserve Label represents a Syrah that is of outstanding character to start and then further develops structure, depth and nuance with extended barrel aging for 30-36 months. 2007 was the year we choose Broken Leg for the Reserve Syrah. Like all of our reds, we ferment in wood vats (we do not make wine in plastic) that receive whole clusters (35% for 07 Broken Leg) and whole berries. From there we crush to our liking via pigeage à pied (foot stomping). Wild yeasts are employed without nutrients or other enhancers. We punch down by hand up to 3x daily which is a good work with those whole clusters. The cooperage was a 50/50 mix of 1& 4 yr old French oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation was natural and completed by early summer. The wine stayed *sur lie* for 12 months when it was raked and returned to barrel for the final 20 months of aging until the final blend was assembled in early July 2010. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration on July 30, 2010.

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