

D O N K E Y & G O A T

2013 *Kraisey*, Sparkling Anderson Valley Merlot

After 3yrs making sparkling Chardonnay Jared could not resist a sparkling red and thought our Anderson Valley Merlot might be the perfect grape. We whole cluster pressed to tank where fermentation began spontaneously and continued until near dry when we bottled under crown cap. Months later we disgorged to remove the heavy yeast sediment and reduce the pressure. This is definitely unusual (or as they say in the Anderson Valley - *Kraisey* which loosely means a mix up) but for the more adventurous will surely surprise and delight.

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Blakeman

Varietal: Merlot

Clone: Unknown

Age: 37 years

Elevation: 950 feet

Soil: Decomposed sandstone & loamy clay

Yield: 1 ton/acre

Harvested: October 8, 2013

Pressed: October 9, 2013

Blend: 100% Merlot

Fermentation: Wild yeast, tank & bottle

Bottled: Unfiltered on October 28, 2013

Production: 10 cases

Release date: Spring 2014