

DONKEY & GOAT



2010 Coupe d' Or, Roussanne + Marsanne, El Dorado

This is our 3rd year making our “cup of gold” that is a 50/50 blend of Roussanne and Marsanne from the Fenaughty Vineyard. Bottled in August 2011, with 7 months in bottle this wine now shines and illustrates why we love white Rhone blends! And we are not alone, it was a ***San Francisco Chronicle* 2011 Top 100 Wine!**

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyard: Fenaughty

Varietal: Roussanne & Marsanne

Clone: Tablas Creek

Age: 12 years

Elevation: 2800 feet

Soil: Decomposed granite w/ red clay loam

Yield: 1-1.5 tons/acre

Harvested: Oct.22 & Sept. 23

Pressed: Oct 23 & Sept 24

Blend: 50/50 Roussanne & Marsanne

Fermentations: wild yeast & bacteria in neutral French Oak barrels

Barrel aging: 10mnths in neutral French Oak barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on August 2, 2011

Production: 97 cases

Release date: Spring 2012

Honeysuckle, lychee, grapefruit rind and orange blossom tickle the nose before revealing wet stone and hints of marzipan. Like previous vintages the wine's harmony and balance are near perfect which keeps the oily Roussanne character in check for a seamless and mouth coating finish.