

DONKEY & GOAT



## 2010 Perli Vineyards Syrah, Mendocino Ridge

Of our three vineyard designate Syrahs, Perli is clearly the most voluptuous. Grown on the steep hillsides of the remote Mendocino Ridge in the Hog Pen block where we have 2 clones (174 & 877) and enough Viognier planted for 1.5% co-fermentation. With 5 months to rest in bottle the wine is now showing her charms.

**Appellation:** Mendocino Ridge

**Vineyard:** Perli

**Varietal:** Syrah

**Clone:** 174 & 877

**Age:** 17 years

**Elevation:** 1350 feet

**Soil:** Clay loam over sandstone bedrock

**Yield:** 2-2.5 tons/acre

**Harvested:** October 21, 2010

**Pressed:** Nov 9, 2010

**Blend:** 98.5% Syrah (40% left WC +1.5% Viognier

**Maceration:** 19 days in open top wood vats

**Barrel aging:** 21 months in 1-3 yr FO barrels

**Bottled:** Unfiltered on August 2, 2012

**Production:** 122 cases

**Release date:** Spring 2013

*Earth, spice, camphor and floral notes like rose petal dance out of the glass. Time will reveal gamey notes with minerality. The palate reveals sweet, dark berry fruit with just a hint of cedar with spicy undertones. The wine finishes with soft, mouth coating tannins and the structured acidity leaves the palate ready for more.*