

DONKEY & GOAT



## 2011 Coupe d' Or, Roussanne + Marsanne, El Dorado

This is our 4th year making this 50/50 blend of Roussanne and Marsanne but for the first time the blend is 75% Fenaughty Vineyard and 25% Elen Ridge which means 25% was skin fermented Roussanne. Bottled in August 2012, with 7 months in bottle this wine now shines and illustrates why we love white Rhône blends!

**Appellation:** El Dorado

**Vineyard:** Fenaughty

**Varietal:** Roussanne & Marsanne

**Clone:** Tablas Creek

**Age:** 13 years

**Elevation:** 2800 & 2400 feet

**Soil:** Decomposed granite w/ red clay loam

**Yield:** 1-1.5 tons/acre

**Harvested:** Oct 4 & Sept 18 & Sept 22

**Pressed:** Oct 5 & Sept 19 & Oct 7

**Blend:** 50/50 Roussanne & Marsanne

**Fermentations:** wild yeast & bacteria in neutral French Oak barrels/16 days open top vat

**Barrel aging:** 10 mnths in neutral French Oak barrels

**Bottled:** Unfiltered on August 3, 2012

**Production:** 95 cases

**Release date:** Spring 2013

*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.*