

DONKEY & GOAT



2011 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.

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 27, 2011

Pressed: November 16, 2011

Blend: 98.5% Syrah +1.5% Viognier

Maceration: 20 days in open top wood vats

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

Bottled: Unfiltered on July 30, 2013

Production: 59 cases

Release date: Winter 2014

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.