

DONKEY & GOAT



## 2013 *The Prospector*, Mourvèdre, El Dorado

The Prospector vineyards are in California gold country and the wine is named for those countless men and women who searched, often without luck, for gold. Hearty, earthy, meaty, and authentic, this Mourvèdre bottling leaves one wanting more.

**Appellation:** El Dorado

**Vineyards:** Lightner & Neighbors

**Varietals:** Mourvèdre

**Clone:** Tablas Creek

**Age:** 13yrs/8yrs

**Elevation:** 2900 feet/2800 feet

**Soil:** Loam (85% Sites, 7% Josephine, 4% Boomer, 4% Mariposa), Loam (92% Aiken, 8% Cohasset)

**Yield:** 3 tons/acre

**Harvested:** Sept. 26, 2013

**Pressed:** Oct. 16, 2013

**Blend:** 95% Mourvèdre + Grenache, Counoise and Syrah

**Macerations:** Wild yeast, 33%/25% whole cluster, 19 days in open top neutral oak vats

**Barrel aging:** 10 months in neutral French Oak

**Bottled:** Unfiltered on July 29, 2014

**Production:** 360 cases

**Release date:** Spring 2015

*The soil complexity translates directly into complex gamey notes, crushed berries, licorice, graphite, crushed stones and squid ink. The palate shows off the wine's stuffing with firm tannins, acidity and lingering flavors of cranberry and cassis.*