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2011 Fenaughty Vineyard Syrah, El Dorado

Fenaughty Vineyard Syrah illustrates why we believe in El Dorado for Rhône varietals. 2011, the coolest year in decades, produced a Syrah that illustrates the power and beauty of the varietal. We left 33% Syrah whole cluster and included 2% co-fermented Fenaughty Viognier.

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyard: Fenaughty

Varietal: Syrah w/ 2. % co-fermented Viognier

Clone: Heritage

Age: 33 years

Elevation: 2800 feet

Soil: Decomposed granite w/ red clay loam

Yield: 2-2.5 tons/acre

Harvested: Oct. 13, 2011

Pressed: Oct 26, 2011

Blend: 98% Syrah (33%WC) + 2% Viognier

Maceration: 14 days in open top wood vat

Barrel aging: 21mths in 1-3yr French Oak barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on July 30, 2013

Production: 216 cases

Release date: Winter 2013

Tobacco and earth notes intermingled with violets grab your olfactory immediately. With a moment to breathe mineral, fresh meat and spice box come to the fore. Red fruits like cherry, plum and raspberry tickle the palate. Long, firmly structured yet smooth tannins coat the mouth and linger for minutes while you ponder what this wine is and what it will become.