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2012 Fenaughty Vineyard Syrah, El Dorado

We headed to the Sierra Foothills in search of Syrah grown on granite in 2003. In 2005 we found Ron Mansfield and started making Fenaughty Vineyard Syrah. This wine illustrates perfectly why nearly half of our production comes from El Dorado.

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyard: Fenaughty

Varietal: Syrah

Clone: Heritage

Age: 34 years

Elevation: 2800 feet

Soil: Decomposed granite w/ red clay loam

Yield: 2-2.5 tons/acre

Harvested: September 20, 2012

Pressed: October 2, 2012

Blend: 99% Syrah (30%WC) + 1% Viognier

Maceration: 12 days in open top wood vat

Barrel aging: 16mnths in 1-3yr French Oak barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on February 18, 2014

Production: 155 cases

Release date: Winter 2014

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.