



## **2013 Fenaughty Vineyard Syrah, El Dorado**

We headed to the Sierra Foothills in search of Syrah grown on granite in 2003. Our desire was to find a terroir that would lend the wine the wet earth, minerals and blackberry notes found in Northern Rhône Syrah's. In 2005 we found Ron Mansfield and have made Fenaughty Vineyard Syrah since. We fell in love with this vineyard. It's north facing slope, old vines and distinct flavors. This wine illustrates perfectly why nearly half of our production is grown in the Sierra Foothills of El Dorado.

**Appellation:** El Dorado

**Vineyard:** Fenaughty

**Varietal:** Syrah

**Clone:** Heritage

**Age:** 33 years vines, 50 plus year old rootstock

**Elevation:** 2800 feet

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

**Yield:** 2.8 tons/acre

**Harvested:** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Pressed:** September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Blend:** 97% Syrah (40%WC) + 3% Viognier

**Maceration:** 12 days in open top wood vat

**Barrel aging:** 15mnths in 1-9yr French Oak barrels

**Bottled:** Unfiltered on February 24, 2015

**Production:** 292 cases

**Release date:** February 2016

*Tobacco and earth notes intermingled with violets and lavender grab the 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.*