

D O N K E Y & G O A T

2011 *Sluice Box*, El Dorado White Wine Blend

Our white Rhône style blend where we let the vintage inspire our final blend. In 2011 we skin fermented both Grenache Blanc and Vermentino and added a little Picpoul! The final blend is 50% Marsanne, 34% Grenache Blanc (with half skin fermented), 14% skin fermented Vermentino and 2% Picpoul. This is a white wine with a red's backbone that has the stuffing for the fall and winter table.

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyards: Fenaughty, Swansboro

Varietals: Marsanne, Grenache Blanc, Vermentino
& Picpoul

Clone: Tablas Creek

Age: 12/4/4/4 years

Elevation: 2800 feet

Soil: Decomposed granite w/ clay loam

Yield: 2-2.5 tons/acre

Harvested: Sept. 23-Oct 1 2011

Pressed: Sept. 30- Oct 7, 2011

Blend: 50%M/34%GB/14%V/2%P

Fermentation: Neutral FO & wood vat

Barrel aging: 10 months

Bottled: Unfiltered on August 3, 2012

Production: 136 cases

Release date: Fall 2012

Stone fruit, honey spice and floral hints entice the nose immediately. On the pallet this wine is vibrant with more stone fruit, a hint of citrus and a chewiness that surprises.