

D O N K E Y & G O A T

2012 *Sluice Box*, El Dorado White Wine Blend

Our white Rhône style blend where we let the vintage inspire our final blend. In 2012 44% of the blend was skin fermented, 56% whole cluster pressed. From a varietal perspective, the Marsanne, Grenache Blanc and Vermentino all had portions made on the skins. 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

Clones: Tablas Creek

Age: 13/5/5/5 years

Elevation: 2800 feet

Soil: Decomposed granite w/ clay loam

Yield: 2-2.5 tons/acre

Harvested: Sept. 13-Sept. 18, 2012

Pressed: Sept. 14, 18 & 25 2012

Blend: 50%M/22%V/17%GB/12%P

Fermentation: Neutral FO & wood vat

Barrel aging: 10 months

Bottled: Unfiltered on May 23, 2013

Production: 156 cases

Release date: Fall 2013

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.