



## 2014 *Sluice Box*, El Dorado White Wine Blend

With Sluice Box (a reference to El Dorado's gold rush history) we endeavor to create a lively, nuanced and balanced blend that illustrates why we love Rhone varietals. In 2014 we expanded to include Roussanne with the Vermentino, Marsanne, Grenache Blanc and Picpoul. Again we have a touch of skin contact with the Marsanne, Grenache Blanc and Vermentino (43% of blend) that creates a white wine with a red's structure and lovely texture.

Appellation: El Dorado

Vineyards: Fenaughty, Barsotti

Varietals: Marsanne, Grenache Blanc, Vermentino,  
Picpoul & Roussanne

Clones: Tablas Creek

Age: up to 14 years

Elevation: 2800 feet

Soil: Hotow, Aiken & Argonaut loam

Yield: 2-3 tons/acre

Harvested: Sept. 3 – Sept 22, 2015

Pressed: Sept. 14, 18 & 25 2012

Blend: 29% Vermentino, 20% Picpoul, 20% Grenache  
Blanc, 17% Marsanne & 14% Roussanne

Fermentation: Neutral FO & wood vat

Barrel aging: 7 months

Bottled: Unfiltered on May 5, 2015

Production: 467 cases

Release date: Fall 2015

*Reminiscent of stones warmed by the bright sun on a cold day in the Northern Rhone, this wine combines dried white flowers and citrus rind aromas with a balanced, yet taut body composed of minerality and fleshy weight from the skin contact.*