



2008 Estate Syrah – Donna's
Small Lot Collection

330 cases produced, \$36/bottle

Release Date 11.19.10

production

Named for Ron Melville's wife, Donna, this fruit is from a three acre section planted in twenty feet deep sand and is composed of two-thirds clone 1 and one-third Estrella clone. It is this soil's neutrality that always delivers an intoxicating bouquet of flowers. Since this wine was also fermented as 80% whole-cluster and in neutral barrel, the aromatics are vividly enhanced and demonstrative of the very cool climate in which the fruit was grown. Yields were 3.9 lbs/plant (3.6 tons/acre). Fruit was fermented in small 1.5 ton open-top fermenters. Total skin and stem contact averaged 30 days (a 7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration). From the press, the wine was transferred directly into neutral barrel where it remained sur lie with no sulphur until May, and then bottled in December. 15.2% alcohol

tasting notes

This wine is loaded with dark fruit nuances of boysenberry kirsch, plum and cherry. A vast aromatic collection of earth and flower remind us of iron, lavender, dried herbs, sea salt and fresh farm. Other compelling notes drift towards smoked bacon and peppercorns. This motley grouping weaves across your palate creating an exotically vibrant and seductive wine that has a tremendously rich finish.