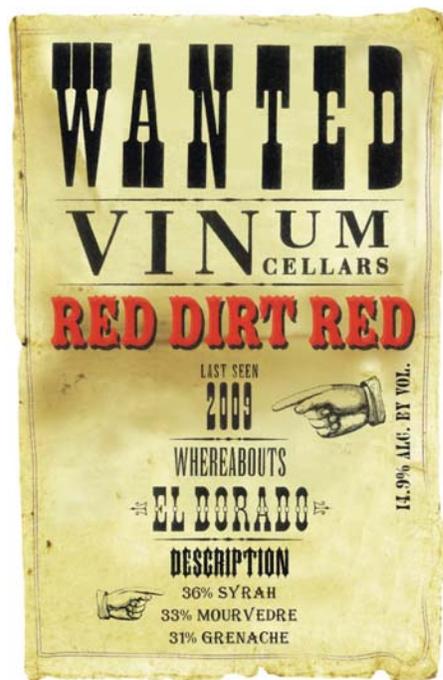


2009 **RED DIRT RED** Rhone Style Blend VINUM CELLARS

TECHNICAL NOTES ▼

Varietal Composition.....	36% Syrah
	33% Mourvedre
	31% Grenache
Appellation.....	El Dorado
Winemakers.....	Richard Bruno, Chris Condos
Harvest Brix.....	25.0° (average)
Alcohol.....	14.9%
TA (g/100ml).....	0.58
pH.....	3.78
Barrels.....	25% new French Oak
	75% 2 year old French Oak
Production.....	176 cases

LABEL ▼



DESCRIPTION ▼

This elusive Rhone style blend is hard to find, so if you do spot it, apprehend immediately! We recommend you pass the word on to others and we promise you won't regret getting your hands on it!

TASTING NOTES ▼

This is our 8th year of producing this Southern Rhone inspired red blend in California. This year is essentially a one third blend of each of the 3 varietals: Syrah, Mourvedre & Grenache, which was aged in 2 year old French Oak for 22 months. The result is a medium plum colored juicy red wine with exotic spices.

Aromatically the wine expresses earthy, leathery notes up front and then ripe cherry and raspberry top notes follow. The palate is juicy with ripe cherry and cherry vanilla, the core is spicy with clove and star anise with a typical grenache white pepper quality about it. The cherry vanilla folds into dried cherry and blueberry fruit and then a hint of truffley terroir enters suggestive of its old world varietal heritage.

Excellent with cassulet or other stews, lamb and duck.

176 cases produced. Drink now through 2020.

FACTS ▼

- ▶ Small production, California-made Châteauneuf du Pape style wine.
- ▶ High elevation vines (1800-3100 feet) with extremely low yields (1-2 tons an acre).