

# Skinner Vineyards & Winery

## Mourvedre

### THE FACTS

**COUNTRY:** USA - CA

**REGION:** Sierra Foothills

**APPELLATION:** El Dorado

**CEPAGE:** 100% Mourvedre

**WINEMAKING:** Native fermentation managed with remontage. 30% whole-cluster. Numerous small lots and varying clonal material.

**AGING:** 10 months sur lees | 33% new French oak

### THE STORY

Much like an unearthed vein of gold's illusive promise once hidden deep within the rock, the contemporary story of Skinner Vineyards and Winery began with a chance encounter that would ultimately reveal six generations of family legacy built on the dreams of a Scottish immigrant and miner during the California Gold Rush with a passion for winemaking in the rich foothills of El Dorado County.

**BIOGRAPHY:** Julien Fayard | Consultant Winemaker: With more than two decades of winemaking expertise known for producing California varietals with French finesse. Originally from France, Julien worked at Lafite Rothschild and Smith Haut Lafite before relocating to Napa Valley. He was Philippe Melka's director of winemaking for a few years before launching his own projects.

### THE ADJECTIVES

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** violet, cassis, Mirabelle plum, crushed limestone, sweet earth

### THE SELLING POINTS

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Sustainable In Practice, Minimal Intervention / Augmentation, Natural Fermentation

