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## 2023 Roasted Slope



Nearly 30 years ago, when I began the AMV journey, Viognier was my muse. It was a vineyard nursery's mistake that sent me down the Syrah path. That original vineyard block that we established, simply known as block 17, was planted as Viognier and cared for as Viognier for the first 3 years of its life. It was not until its first fall with grapes hanging heavy on the vine did we notice a few clusters turning red. At first I was in denial, thinking that we had planted a few Syrah vines among the Viognier. I was soon to find out, that we actually had clearly planted mostly Syrah with just a few Viognier vines. Rather than pout about it, we decided to begin to co-ferment the two grapes together, just like they do in the famed Northern Rhône appellation of Côte Rôtie. I decided to name this new wine Roasted Slope (a direct and literal translation of Côte Rôtie). I am crazy proud to release the 2023 Roasted Slope, a blend of co-fermented Syrah and Viognier, from 3 prized blocks of Syrah from Watch Hill and Nolan Vineyard and the balance from our Estate. The wine is deep and dark with stunning aromatic complexity of black cherry, pepper, purple flowers, and toasty oak. We sincerely hope that you love this new wine as much as we do!

**Varieties:** 92% Hillside Grown Syrah, 8% Viognier

**Production:** 500 12 bottle cases

**Release Date:** Fall 2025

**Release Price:** \$55

*"Bruised blackberry, tar and floral peppercorn aromas precede a lively, engrossing palate with precision and energy in abundance. Mouthwatering and structured, this balances huckleberries and purple plums with lavender, Earl Grey tea and a sizzle of spice. Chewy, mineral tannins promise years of evolution ahead."*

**95 Points James Suckling**

*"Ripe black fruits, pepper, scorched earth, and bouquet garni nuances define the 2023 Syrah Roasted Slope, a blend of 92% Syrah and 8% Viognier (30% stems) aged 18 months in 20% new French oak. Medium-bodied, focused, and textured, with nicely integrated acidity, fine tannins, and a layered, lengthy finish, give it a year and drink over the following decade or more. Drink 2026-2036."*

**94 Points Jeb Dunnuck**

*"The 2023 Roasted Slope is a blend of 92% Syrah and 8% Viognier, one third each from the estate, Nolan and Watch Hill. Lifted violet aromatics leap from the glass, accenting a classic, old-school profile of smoked meat, blood, iron, forest floor and black raspberry. Plush and structured, the cool vintage feel of 2023 is impossible to miss here, but that really elevates this bottling. It's a gorgeous wine in every way. "*

**95 Billy Norris for Vinous**

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