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2023 Viognier



The 2023 Viognier is the second year in a row that we have worked exclusively with cool climate sites within the Santa Maria Valley and the Sta. Rita Hills. Both regions are hilly, with soils comprised of ancient sea-bed sands. The cool, breezy days and chilly, foggy nights allow the Viognier grapes to achieve wonderfully ripe flavors without the typical high alcohol of Viognier. The grapes were whole cluster pressed and then fermented at very cold temperatures to retain as much freshness as possible. We fermented this wine in stainless steel to avoid any external influences on the wine other than variety and vineyard location. We then aged the wine for 8 months in neutral Burgundy barrels to flesh the wine out, while contributing grace and elegance. The dominant flavors and aromas are of apricots, peaches, honey, and a subtle citrus edge. In the mouth, the wine is lush and rich with an incredibly long finish. I am infinitely proud of this wine and the potential to continue to pursue cool climate Viognier.

Varieties: 100% Viognier, Clone 642, 1, & Alban

Vineyard Composition: Santa Maria & Sta. Rita Hills

Appellation: Santa Barbara County

Production: 600 12 bottle X 750 mL Cases

Release Date: Winter, 2024

Release Price: \$40.00

Recent Press: **93 Points Jeb Dunnuck**

Not yet bottled, the 2023 Viognier has some classy (and classic) Viognier notes of juicy tangerines, peach, and apricot to go with a medium-bodied, round, supple, nicely textured style on the palate. It has plenty of texture and richness yet stays lively, pure, and nicely balanced. It's a beautiful Viognier in the making.

93Points Antonio Galloni for Vinous

Tasted from tank before bottling, the 2023 Viognier is intensely aromatic, textured and super-expressive. Apricot, white flowers, passion fruit and tangerine peel all race across the palate. The 2023 is hugely promising.