

VIIGNIER

2018 | YAKIMA VALLEY



100% Dineen Vineyard Viognier

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.25

TA: 6.2 g/liter

RS: 2.4 g/liter

13.8% alc. by vol.

241 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

The 2018 growing season was influenced by slightly higher temperatures (3.6%) than the long term average and significant air pollution from the forest fires in Canada and the United States. The corresponding decreased sunlight delayed ripening and lengthened the harvest season. Gloriously, mid-September through late October had brilliant sunshine and little rain, creating a wonderful vintage for the wine grape harvest.

The 2018 Yakima Valley Viognier is 100% Viognier from Dineen Vineyard. All the grapes were gently pressed whole cluster and fermented in neutral French Oak barrels. We stopped the malo-lactic fermentation by moving the Viognier barrels outside during the winter. To minimize oxygen pickup in the Viognier, we did not rack or barrel stir. The Viognier simply rested in the barrels until bottling on March 1, 2019.

Tasting

Initial aromas consist of peaches, lemongrass, kiwi, and fresh cream. Lurking are aroma hints of minerals

and brown spices. Freshness and acidity pervades the aromatics. The mouthfeel is generous and rich with good balancing acidity.

The Viognier has flavors of peaches, lemongrass, and green apple. There is a hint of sweetness that interplays well with the high acidity and just a touch of "Viognier bitterness" that is characteristic of the variety. 100% Yum!

Thoughts on Viognier

Viognier's home is Condrieu, a tiny region of the Rhône Valley of France. The vine was nearly forgotten by the 1980's after being enjoyed by the Romans and subsequent French farmers in the Middle Ages. However, a renewed interest in Rhône wines brought Viognier back into focus and many consumers have discovered its haunting aromas and rich texture.

Viognier is a naturally rich wine that can be served with shellfish and Caribbean dishes.

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