

2013 Napa Valley Estate Viognier

Winemaker notes:

Barrel fermented to dryness and then barrel aged on its lees, this sensual white wine is unusually aromatic and flavorful, with an exceptionally full middle palate. At the same time balance is accentuated and length increased by avoiding malolactic fermentation, providing focus and a refreshing finish. Storybook Viognier has been long regarded as the most French of California renderings of this grape.

Tasting notes:

The aromatics are pears, orange blossoms, peaches and minerals, which are repeated in the flavors with slight additional hints of white pepper and vanilla. Its sensual nature makes it hard to resist now, but because of the balance that is so central to our Viognier, the vivacity of youth will continue amid the complexities of a gracefully aging wine.

"...white peach, crisp pear, vanilla and crème brûlée hints...structure, balance and fine composition... even a finishing bit of grapefruit is a well-integrated part of the promise of yetto-come grandeur." 91 points Connoisseurs' Guide

Vintage: 2013

Appellation: Napa Valley, Estate

Alcohol: 14.5%

Harvest: September 5-9

Cooperage: Fermented and aged 8 months in neutral French oak

Bottled: April 2014

Production: 280 cases

