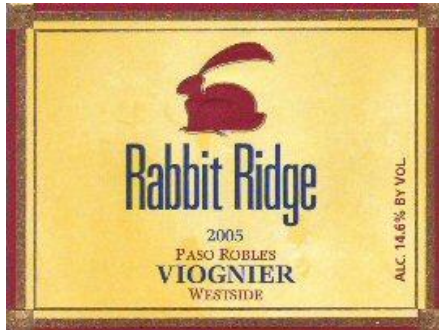




VIOGNIER



VINTAGE 2005
APPELLATION Paso Robles
VARIETAL Viognier
HARVEST DATE 9/29/05
BRIX AT HARVEST 24.60
ALCOHOL 14.6%
PH 3.72
TA 0.709
UPC CODE 7 28691 44326 4

VARIETAL INFORMATION

Viognier is a flavor-packed, fruity white grape from the northern Rhône region of France called Condrieu, and is used as a blending grape in the Chateau Neuf du Pape region. It is known for its crisp acidity and lush peach, apricot and ginger nuances.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The wine is crushed directly to the press and then allowed to cold settle for 36 to 48 hours at 45°. Next, the wine is racked off the lees and fermented in stainless steel at 51° to preserve all the natural fruitiness and flavor of the grapes. All the crisp acidity in the wine comes from the limestone soil and cool climate on the west side of Paso Robles. Nothing is added to this wine except yeast.

One hundred percent of the wine is then put through malolactic fermentation for added complexity and richness. The Viognier was aged completely in stainless steel and bottled in February 2006. Since the Viognier was totally bone dry and through malolactic, we were able to bottle with only a very light filtration instead of having to sterile bottle the wine. 611 cases produced.

VINEYARD PROFILE

With its steep hillsides and limestone soils, the west side of Paso Robles is emerging as the Rhône of California. Our Viognier comes from a terraced hillside about four miles west and four miles south of the town of Paso Robles, located off highway 46 West, on the way to the ocean. Like the famous Rhône, there are more rocks than soil in the vineyard.

2005 GROWING SEASON

The 2005 California growing season was much like the 1997 growing season; long and cool giving the grapes plenty of hang-time.

AWARDS

Bronze, June 2007
San Francisco International Wine Competition
Best of Class GOLD Medal, April 2007
Pacific Rim International Wine Competition
Bronze Medal, June 2007
31st Annual Orange County Fair Wine Competition
Bronze Medal, May 2007
California Central Coast Wine Competition
Bronze Medal, May 2007
Riverside International Wine Competition

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