

Renwood "Select Series" Viognier

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2004 Viognier displays aromas of tangerine, honeysuckle, pear, and white peach. On the palate the wine is rich, with a creamy texture of ripe pears, lemon citrus, peaches and apricots. A luscious finish, displaying layers of honeysuckle, citrus and a hint of vanilla, balances the wine. The combination of a short crop in Lodi and the increased production of our Veauta Ranch allowed us to use a higher percentage of Sierra Foothill fruit in the final blend.

VINTAGE

The growing season of 2004 offered very warm springtime conditions. The warm temperatures advanced bud break by approximately three weeks, which gave the vines quite a head start for the season. The warm spring conditions led directly into summer time heat as temperatures were above normal in June and July. Essentially the vines went from winter to summer to fall in record time and harvest began in mid August and was over by the end of September. The heat combined with a smallish crop load gave excellent sugars but not much hang time.

FERMENTATION AND AGING

The fruit was whole cluster pressed to remove the juice from the skins immediately. Once pressed, the must was pumped into a stainless steel tank to cold settle for about 48 hours. The clean juice was racked off the sediment, transferred to another tank, and inoculated to begin fermentation. The lots from Veauta Ranch and our Estate Vineyard were then racked to new French Oak barrels. This allows us to "cut" some of the new oak character from the barrels prior to their use in aging red wines. After fermentation all lots were blended and then the wine remained in stainless steel until bottling. Prior to bottling, the wine was cold filtered.



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Technical Data:

2004 Select Series Viognier



Appellation: California

Varietal: 89% Viognier, 10%
Semillon & 1% Marssane

Final pH: 3.40

Total Acid: 0.62%

Aged: Stainless and French Oak

Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottled: March 2005

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.00



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