

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2015

KRISTEN'S CUVEE VIOGNIER

Vineyard Notes

Del Arroyo Vineyard: Half of the Viognier grapes for the Kristen's this year come from Del Arroyo Vineyard in Livermore. 2015 was the first vintage I had the privilege to work with these folks, and I can't wait to see what optimal growing years bring. Located at the top of Crane Ridge, 200 feet above the valley floor, Del Arroyo Vineyards is the third largest grower in the Livermore Valley. This unique location boasts five different soil types, allowing the vineyards to grow fourteen different varieties of grapes.

Ripken Ranch: These warm weather Viognier grapes hail from Ripken Ranch in Lodi. The warm days give way to cool nights, which is perfect for creating tropical Viognier flavors. They practice water deficit irrigation, only watering the grapes when fully necessary in the Lodi heat. This results in high flavor concentration and super tasty grapes.

Production

We picked these Viognier grapes in the first week of September 2015, so we could bring them in press them and co-ferment them to marry the flavors. I used Rhone 4600 yeast to extract the innate Rhone characteristics that are present in Viognier grown anywhere in the world. I like to do cold fermentations on the white wines, around 45 degrees fahrenheit to keep the fruit and acid in tact, so it took about 30 days to complete fermentation, post fermentation, we put it into stainless steel drums to rest until bottling in January, 2016.

Winemaker Comments

This is certainly the most sophisticated Viognier I've ever made. It's varietally accurate and soooo darn yummy! Smart and beautiful, just like my sister Kristen, this stunner boasts aromas of honeysuckle, frosted white cake, ripe pear, and a hint of apricot, followed by lovely flavors of lemon meringuepie, pineapple, minerality, and white peach.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION

California

COMPOSITION

100% Viognier

ALCOHOL

13.8%

PH

3.7

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.59g / 100ml

BARRELS

100% stainless steel

CASES PRODUCED

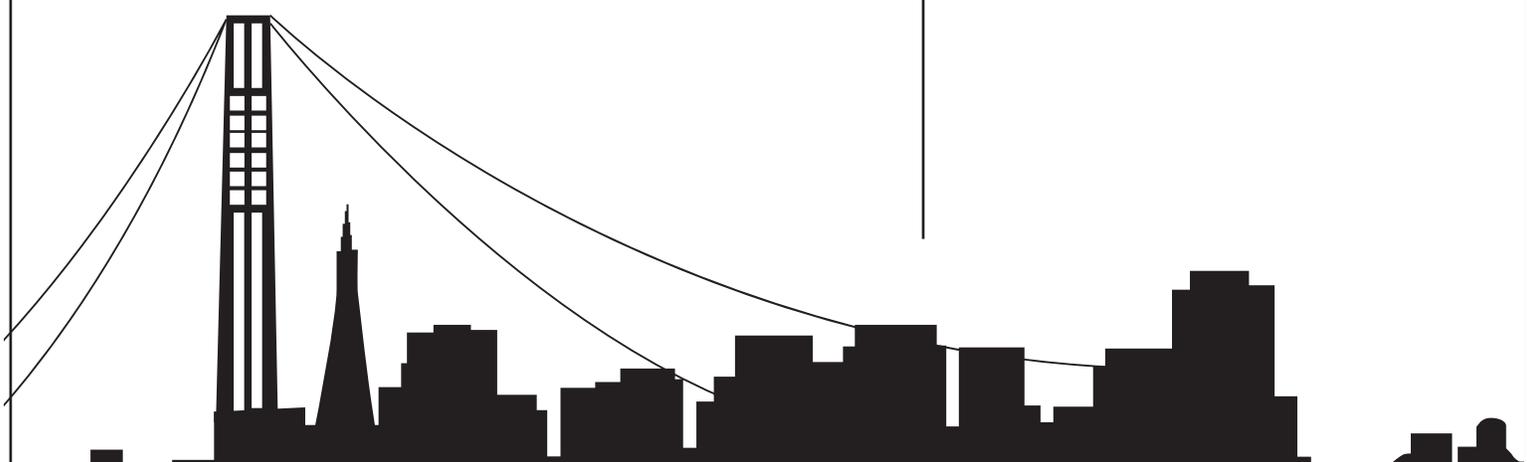
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February 2016

SUGGESTED RETAIL

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