

# 2019 Viognier



Viognier 100%  
Viognier Clone 642

Alcohol 12.8%  
Residual Sugar 0.2 g/L  
Total Acidity 6.15 g/L  
pH 3.46  
Brix 24  
Cases Produced 143  
Released 2020  
SKU 169089

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## Flavour Profile

Our 100% estate grown Viognier offers a brilliant nose of lime zest, honeysuckle and vanilla notes followed by aromas of peach and pineapple with hints of honey and tangerine. Tones of straw yellow and light gold appear in the glass leading to a palate that shows a creamy, full-bodied texture that is balanced by crisp acidity. Flavours of grapefruit, lime, fresh rose petal, honey and cloves produce a long, lush and concentrated finish. Only 143 cases produced.

## Growing Conditions

The growing season started well with moderate temperatures from the beginning of spring leading into the start of summer. With the summer being warm and dry, autumn saw warmer days and cooler nights, which were warmer and wetter than 2018. While this is not great for many grapes, a combination of the Similkameen mistral flow and our vineyards' extremely rocky soil composition kept the grapes dry through an unseasonably cool October until picking was complete. All of this resulted in smaller crop sizes and slow ripening that allowed the fruit to fully mature, with balanced acidity and exciting flavour development in this vintage. Harvest for the Viognier started on October 12th and was completed on October 19th. Total heat units for 2019 recorded at Vanessa were 1,687 Growing Degree Days, a little lower than the previous year. However, the cooler 2019 growing season gives this vintage unique characters and exceptional quality.

## Winemaking

Picking for the 2019 Viognier was eight days earlier than 2018, which had led to a lighter, fresher and easier drinking Viognier. After very gentle extraction, the Viognier was fermented cool with a specially selected yeast to bring out the fruity and floral aromatics. A long fermentation period gave us a rich, full and luscious wine with a balanced fresh acidity.