



2017 VIOGNIER

ROLL RANCH UPPER OJAI, VENTURA COUNTY

203 CASES PRODUCED

Our Roll Ranch Viognier is a different kind of California Viognier. We planted these vines in 1993 on their own roots in Upper Ojai, which is classic Southern California with ample warmth and sunshine, but our Viognier shys away from being billowy soft and oversaturating. There's just enough blossom filled aroma and mid-palate texture to be identifiably Viognier, but ours Roll Ranch stands out with a taut and zesty feel.

The 2017 vintage gave us sort of a problem child with this wine. We got balanced juice with abundant acidity, but the wine stubbornly resisted malolactic fermentation. Along with several extra months in barrel, it took a lot of stirring the yeast lees back into the wine to encourage the process. That lees stirring added some savory bread notes and seemed to augment the body a bit, which was a welcome outcome after all the extra time spent on this wine.

The aromas show off our earthier house take on Viognier, elevating gravel dust minerality and walnuts along with pretty white flowers. As the wine reacts and warms with some air that opens up to more nectarous white fruits that finish snappy and bright. As much as its uniquely earthy disposition, what's also interesting with Roll Ranch Viognier is that the fruit is uncommonly cool hued. Fennel and lime streak through the more succulent flavors, enhancing what is in many ways a super refreshing Viognier. It's versatile as can be—a great standalone aperitif, well suited to many types of cheese, and it stands up to richer curries and pork dishes nicely too.

BLEND 100% Viognier
VINEYARDS Roll Ranch
AVA Ventura County
ALCOHOL 13.5%
VINIFICATION 100% Neutral French Oak
BARREL AGING 15 Months
TOTAL PRODUCTION 203 Cases

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