

# 2013 VIOGNIER

## Mendocino County



### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this wine were organically farmed (CCOF certified) by Nelson Family Vineyards, at the southern tip of the Ukiah Valley viticultural region. Viogner needs to be fully ripe before it develops its characteristic intense aromas, and rich mouth feel. In 2013, the mild summer temperatures and dry fall weather allowed us to pick these grapes at optimum ripeness.

GRAPE VARIETAL  
100% Viogner

VINEYARD  
Nelson & Sons

APPELLATION  
Mendocino County

### IN THE CELLAR

The grapes were picked by hand and delivered to the winery cold. The fruit was pressed whole cluster so the stems could assist the drainage from the thick skinned grapes. The juice was settled for three days before being racked to another stainless steel tank to begin fermentation. We inoculated with QA 23, a yeast known to promote clean fruity flavors. Approximately one third of the way through fermentation we racked the juice to neutral French Oak barrels, where we stirred it every two weeks, and aged it on the lees for three months to enhance complexity and mouth feel. The wine was prevented from undergoing any malcolactic fermentation, so as to preserve the bright fruit flavors from primary fermentation. It was sterile filtered before bottling. No eggs, dairy, or other animal derived products were used in the production of this wine.

BOTTLING DATE  
March 4, 2014

ALCOHOL  
14.2%

TITRATABLE ACIDITY  
4.5 g/L

pH  
3.71

CASES PRODUCED  
276

### IN THE BOTTLE

This wine offers floral aromas such as honeysuckle, citrus blossom, and jasmine, followed on the palate by lush fruits like peach and tangerine, with a hint of vanilla bean and fresh baked brioche.

RELEASE DATE  
December 2014

### AT THE TABLE

The bold fruity flavors and lush texture make it the perfect complement for foods with fragrant, sweet spices (but not too hot). You might find you enjoy this wine best with a simple roasted chicken and sweet potatoes, tropical seafood dishes, or a butternut squash and coconut Thai curry.

