

2016 VIOGNIER

ROLL RANCH UPPER OJAI, VENTURA COUNTY

What a knockout wine this is! I've been making Roll Ranch viognier since 1995, and this 2016 might be my favorite bottling yet. It's powerfully flavored and textured, yet oh so balanced. The smell from the barrel during fermentation was just fantastic, so I knew we had captured something special. Now, right out of the gate this viognier is gushing with aromas of stone fruits, honey and orange blossom—a good prelude to a wine that's intensely flavored too.

On the palate this wine is all about swaggering texture: it swells with voluptuous white peach and honeydew flavors, expanding toward where other viogniers become too much, but then pulls back into a bright finish full of citrus zest, ginger and minerals. There's lots of flavor and mouthfeel, but in a dynamic and tense kind of way—pretty showy stuff!

Now that the vines at Roll Ranch are over twenty years old, it's become easier to find balance between ripeness and freshness. But there's lots in this wine that owes thanks to the special 2016 vintage. A welcome switch to a coastal weather pattern gave us foggy mornings in Ojai even in the throes of summer, when the afternoons became hot. So, this 2016 Roll Ranch viognier balances richness and snappiness with tightrope drama that is appealing already. Enjoy it now or after several years; our viognier ages beautifully.

BLEND 100% Viognier
VINEYARDS Roll Ranch
AVA Ventura County
ALCOHOL 13.5%
VINIFICATION 100% Neutral French Oak
BARREL AGING 11 Months
TOTAL PRODUCTION 180 Cases

PRESS REVIEWS

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The 2016 Viognier Roll Ranch is a beautiful wine, wafting from the glass with an understated bouquet of peach, apricot and white flowers. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, with nice juicy acidity and tension at the core, and a long, vibrant and perfumed finish. While this certainly possesses a texture and perfume that are unmistakably Viognier, it's a comparatively delicate, refreshing interpretation of the variety—in terms that Northern Rhône lovers will understand, more Perret than Cuilleron. Enjoy it over the next five to six years." William Kelley **92 Points**

Antonio Galloni's Vinous

"The 2016 Viognier Roll Ranch is classy, understated and polished, with striking aromatics and lovely texture. Jasmine, mint, apricot and scented citrus notes abound in this gracious, understated wine." Antonio Galloni **90 Points**

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