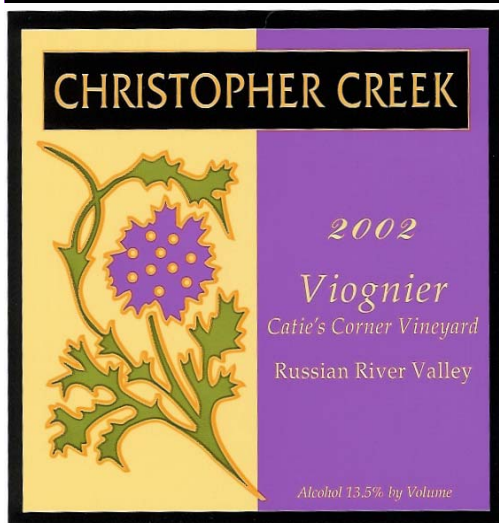




Christopher Creek Winery

2002 Russian River Viognier



Like our 2001, our 2002 Viognier was produced from grapes grown on Catie's Corner Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. A vineyard developed by Sara Lee Kunde (Catie being Saralee's 10 year old daughter).

Viognier (V-Own-Yeah), while difficult to pronounce is an enjoyable white wine whose grapes have their origin in the Rhone Valley appellations of Condrieu and Chateau Grillet. Viognier is also blended with Syrah in producing Cote Rotie wines. Food friendly, Viognier pairs well with fish, spicy foods, Asian infusions, crab and lobster or just drink it as an aperitif.

Our 2002 Viognier has a complex nose of apricot, peach, pear, citrus and wild flowers. The mouth feel is harmoniously balanced between richness and lively acidity. The finish is marked by long lasting flavors reflecting the fruity and floral aromas.

The grapes were whole berry pressed and then fermented in a stainless steel tank at low temperature (below 65F) to preserve the varietal aromas. Malolactic fermentation was not encouraged in order to retain the freshness of the fruit. The wine was aged in the tank on the fine lees to build a rich

mouth feel and crisp finish.

Recently, there has been an explosion of Viognier plantings in California and Languedoc, France. Still the availability of this wine is very limited. As Jancis Robinson has said, "Viognier works a magic of its own".

"Best of Class" and Gold Medal– Press Democrat "North of the Gate" Wine Competition, April 2004

Gold Medal– Sonoma County Harvest Fair, October 2003

Silver Medal– San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, January 2004

Silver Medal– Grand Harvest Awards, Sonoma, February 2004

Silver Medal– Florida State Fair Wine Competition, February 2004

Silver Medal–Los Angeles County Fair, May 2004

2001 Vintage

Silver Medal– Grand Harvest Awards, Sonoma, February 2003

Silver Medal– Florida State Fair Wine Competition, February 2003

Silver Medal– San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, February 2003

2000Vintage

Gold Medal– Grand Harvest Awards (top 7% of all wines tasted), February 2002

Silver Medal–Tasters Guild International, May 2002

Silver Medal–West Coast wine Competition, April 2002

Silver Medal–Los Angeles County Fair, May 2002

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