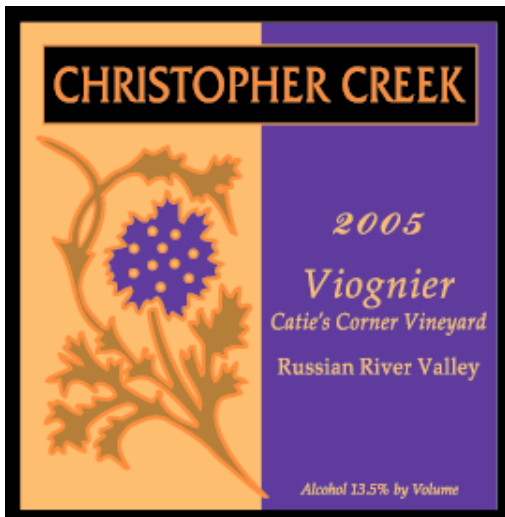




Christopher Creek Winery

2005 Russian River Viognier



Like our 2004, the 2005 Viognier was produced from grapes grown at Catie's Corner Vineyard in the Russian River Valley, a vineyard developed by Saralee Kunde. Catie is Saralee's 12 year old daughter. The crop this year was smaller than usual (as was the 2003) producing fruit with more concentrated flavors.

Viognier (V-Own-Yeah) 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, rice pudding or just drink it as an aperitif. Serve slightly chilled to enhance the fruit characteristics of the wine.

The 2005 Viognier has a complex nose of apricot, peach, pear, citrus (lemon) 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's 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.

2003 Vintage

Gold Medal-Jerry D Mead's New World Wine Competition, February, 2005

Silver Medal-North of the Gate Wine Competition, April, 2005

Silver Medal-Pacific Rim International Wine Competition, March 2005

2002 Vintage

"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

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

Silver Medal- Los Angeles County Fair, May 2004

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