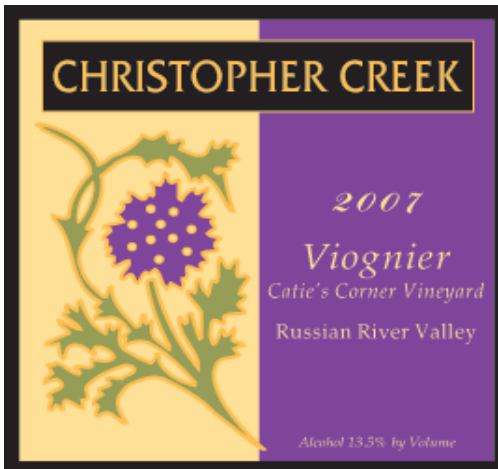




Christopher Creek Winery

2007 Russian River Viognier



Like our 2006, the 2007 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 14 year old daughter. The size of the crop this year was normal but summer weather and a good growing season produced fruit which resulted in wine more complex, fruity and with a fuller, balanced mouth feel.

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 frequently co-fermented or blended with Syrah to add other fruit characteristics to the wine. 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 2007 Viognier has a traditional, complex nose of apricot, peach, pear, citrus blossom 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.

2007 Vintage

Gold Medal– Sonoma County Harvest Fair, September 2009

2006 Vintage

Double Gold– Tasters Guild International, May 2008 (only Double Gold)

Silver Medal– San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, January 2008

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

Harvested October 2007 3.2 Tons/acre PH 3.35 at Bottling
Released October 2008
547 Cases Produced