



2015 SV GISBORNE VIOGNIER 'COOK COUNTY'

Sustainable Wine NZ Registration: SW4E29929987

Winemakers Notes

Cook County was the early 20th Century name for the entire East Cape region. We have used handpicked, whole bunch pressed fruit from Delwyn and Doug Bell's vineyard in Hexton to craft our 2015 SV Viognier. Delwyn and Doug are meticulous in the vineyard and they were assisted by a favourable growing season. The fruit was harvested in the morning and then chilled before trucking to Auckland for processing. The wine was tank fermented and then stayed in tank for a number of months on lees. It was bottled on 31 August 2015.

Analysis: **Alc** 14.5 % **Acid** 6.3 g/L **Res Sugar** 1g/L **pH** 3.56

Tasting Notes

Colour: Very pale in the glass at bottling, but we expect that this wine will pick up pale gold tints with time. Massive tears on the glass indicate a wine of considerable body and richness.

Bouquet: Very typical Viognier aromas of peach and apricot blossom and ripe stonefruit. Along with this there is a degree of complexity that we seldom see in New Zealand wines. We use the wines of Condrieu as our benchmark for this variety and aromatically this wine is trending in that direction.

Palate: This is a big rich wine. Like all good Viognier, the palate is very broad and very long. There is a strong core of fruit sweetness running all the way through the wine.

Cellaring

Viognier does not seem to require long cellaring. We expect that this wine will drink well on release and into the medium term. Store in a cool place.

Food Matches

Rich, weighty and complex it is a great match to white meats and salads.

Suggested wine list description

A dry white wine, which exhibits typical Viognier aromas of peach and apricot blossom and ripe stone fruit. A big rich wine full of fruit sweetness delivering a long and satisfying finish.

Independent Reviewer's Comment

"Pale, weighty and dry, with peachy, spicy flavours, showing good concentration and balance, a hint of apricot, and a lifted, floral bouquet." Michael Cooper, Winestate.

Awards

Silver Medal – International Aromatic Wine Competition 2015
Four Stars – Winestate Magazine May 2016