

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2002 Viognier Central Coast

The **Winery**

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. At nearly 2000 feet in elevation, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles (Elev: 960')

The **Wine**

The Nadeau Family Vintners' 2002 Viognier Central Coast is an amazing white wine. It is 100% Viognier and is truly a huge mouthful of well-extracted, robust white wine. Along with Roussanne, Viognier is at the top of our list of favorite white wines.

The generous fruit character and round mouthfeel of this wine are an ideal match for spicier fare: Szechwan Chinese; Indian: Thai; and BBQ chicken prepared Santa Maria Style.

The **Blend**

100% Viognier

The **Vital Statistics**

100% Santa Ynez

100% 2002 Vintage

100% Westerly Vineyards

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 28.1 Brix; TA: 0.70 gm./100mL; pH: 3.52

Finished Wine EtOH: 15.0% By Vol.

These grapes were whole-cluster pressed using a pneumatic bladder press, cold-settled, inoculated with yeast and cold-fermented. The resulting wine was barrel-aged briefly *sur-lie* (on the sediment,) and was then filtered and bottled in August, 2003. This ambitious wine is certainly a rare "white wine for red wine lovers!"

The 2002 Vintage yielded only **224 cases**.

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