

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2003 Viognier “Westerly Vineyard” 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' 2003 Viognier Central Coast is an amazing white wine. It is 100% Viognier and is a great follow-up vintage to the 2002 Viognier which was so spectacular. Viognier is one of the less pronounceable Rhone varieties and is the one which has become a favorite white wine for many American consumers who've grown bored with Chardonnay.

The Blend

100% Viognier

The Vital Statistics

100% Santa Ynez

100% 2003 Vintage

100% Westerly Vineyards

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 26.2 Brix; TA: 0.610 gm./100mL; pH: 3.56

Finished Wine EtOH: 14.1% By Vol.

These grapes were whole-cluster pressed using a pneumatic bladder press, cold-settled, inoculated with yeast and barrel fermented in a chilled Stainless Steel tank. The resulting wine was aged sur-lie, then barrels down to new and 1 year old French-oak barrels. This delightful wine was cold-stabilized then filtered and bottled in spring, 2004.

The 2002 Vintage yielded only 153 cases.

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