

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2008 Viognier

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.

The Wine

The Nadeau Family Vintners 2008 Viognier is a lovely white wine. It is 100% Viognier and the descriptors are classic Viognier: floral, fruity, and very approachable! Viognier is one of the less pronounceable Rhone varieties but is one which has become a favorite “alternative” white wine for many American consumers who’ve grown bored with the ubiquitous offerings of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

This versatile wine is certain to complement just about any traditional “white wine fare” from Vichyssoise to fish.

The Blend

100% Viognier

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles

100% 2008 Vintage

Harvest: September 12, 2008;

Sugar @ Harvest: average: 26.1 Brix; TA: 0.65 gm./100mL; pH: 3.53

Finished Wine EtOH: 15.1% By Vol.

These grapes were whole-cluster pressed using a pneumatic bladder press, cold-settled, inoculated with yeast and fermented in chilled stainless steel tanks. The resulting wine was aged sur-lie, then barreled down to 1 and 2 year old French-oak barrels for a brief stint. This delightful wine was cold-stabilized then filtered and bottled in summer, 2009.

The 2008 Vintage yielded only 98 cases.