



CHAPPELLET

Grower Collection

2019 Grower Collection Viognier, Cold Creek Vineyard, Carneros

Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus



Wine Statistics

Harvested September 23, 2019

26.4° Brix at Harvest

14.9% Alcohol

TA – 0.62g/100ml

pH – 3.63

406 Cases Produced

Malolactic Fermentation – No

Oak – Two-year-old French oak

Wine Blend

100% Viognier

Clones

Unknown

The Wine

The father-and-son team of Ken and Justin Laird have been growing grapes in both Napa Valley and Sonoma County since 1970. Located in Sonoma's Carneros region, their acclaimed Cold Creek Vineyard features rock and gravel soils that are ideal for Viognier. Though Cold Creek benefits from cooling breezes off San Pablo Bay, it also enjoys abundant sunshine, yielding a lush and exotic wine with generous tropical fruit. As part of our Block Designate Series, this limited bottling showcases the bountiful diversity of Sonoma County.

Growing Season & Harvest

The 2019 growing season began with cool, rainy weather throughout winter and spring, which delayed budbreak slightly and resulted in a robust crop and vigorous canopies. To create the desired vine balance, we thinned leaves and clusters extensively, doing as many as three fruit-dropping passes depending on the needs of each vine. The weather remained temperate throughout summer, followed by perfectly timed warm weather in October. As a result, our early ripening grapes yielded wines with dazzling aromatics, lovely energy and pure, fresh flavors, while our later-ripening varieties provided gorgeous color and concentration, with supple tannins and rich, soaring flavors.

Tasting Notes

This wine displays beautifully exotic aromas of passionfruit, apricot, orange zest and tropical flowers, as well as layers of anise, cardamom and white pepper. On the palate lush flavors of Mandarin orange and guava are framed by a creamy mouthfeel that glides to a long, luxurious tropical fruit and spice finish.