



2007 VIOGNIER
LIVE OAK VINEYARD

Appellation: Paso Robles
Varietal: 100% Viognier
pH: 3.43
Alcohol by volume: 15.6%
T.A.: 0.65 g / 100 ml
R.S.: .323 g /100 ml

Produced and bottled by:
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Winemaker's Notes

The Live Oak Vineyard is located on the west side of Paso Robles on Arbor Road along the Templeton gap. This hillside site is a former uplifted marine terrace, and has a rocky, sandy loam top soil with calcareous sub soils. Planted in the mid 1990's this block of Viognier is planted to an extremely aromatic, non registered selection of Viognier, and managed by vineyard owners Bill and Jane Alberts. The vineyard is planted in an east west orientation with the vines cordon pruned, and the shoots vertically oriented with lift wires.

Following hand harvesting in to half ton macro bins the fruit was delivered to the winery in a refrigerated truck trailer. The cold fruit was whole cluster pressed in our Puelo Bladder Press. The juice was cold settled for 48 hours prior to racking off the settled solids. Fermentation was initiated in stainless steel after inoculation with VL1 and HST yeast strains. These yeasts were chosen for their ability to release bound aromas from phenolic compounds promoting intense fruit aromas.

After several weeks of fermentation at 55° Fahrenheit one third of this lot was racked to barrel to complete fermentation. The cooperage employed was 4 to 5 year old neutral Burgundy barrels. Our goal was to create a fuller mouth feel in the wine by rolling the cooperage regularly in our OXO barrel rack system to promote lees contact. The balance of this wine completed fermentation in a smaller stainless steel tank at 60°. Prior to bottling the two lots were blended and cold stabilized in stainless steel.

The finished wine has aromas of honey suckle and ripe apricot flirting with a hint of sweetness. On the palate this wine is full, and rich with moderate acidity, and lush flavors of guava, apricot, and citrus.