

BENT OAK

WINERY



Viognier

TEXAS HIGH PLAINS 2018

The Wine:

Viognier is a Rhone varietal that has found a home in the Texas High Plains. Our Viognier is a full-bodied white wine with distinctive floral aromas reminiscent of jasmine, honeysuckle and a hint of vanilla. The palate is lush with the rich taste of pear and melon.

AVA:

The Texas High Plains is the second largest AVA in Texas, comprising roughly 8 million acres in west Texas, mostly south of the panhandle region. The eastern border of the Texas High Plains AVA follows the 3000 ft. elevation contour line along the Caprock Escarpment, the steep transitional zone separating the High Plains from the lower plains to the east. The elevation within the Texas High Plains gradually increases from 3,000 ft. to 4,100 ft. in the northwest portion of the AVA. This positioning provides an environment of long, hot dry summer days, which allow the grapes to mature and ripen to proper sugar levels, and cool evenings and nights, which help set the grape's acidity levels. Grapes and wine have been produced in this region since the mid-1970s and vineyards here have become the major grape supplier to wineries throughout the state. There are over 75 Wine Grape Varietals planted in the High Plains AVA, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Chenin Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Grenache, Merlot, Malbec, Dolcetto, Mourvèdre, Sangiovese, Tempranillo, and Viognier.

Wine Makers Notes:

We aged this wine in a combination of new and older French Oak barrels for 3 months to round out the fullest expression of this wonderful white grape and then moved to stainless steel barrels for maturation. Viognier benefited from malolactic fermentation as well as sur lie aging to round out the mid-palate and provide an overall balanced and smooth finish.

Recommended Food Pairings:

Shellfish – crab, prawns, scallops or lobster. Spice-rubbed chicken or turkey as well as braised or roasted vegetables, Moroccan dishes or mild curries all pair well with Viognier.

Technical Data

pH – 3.7
TA – 0.54/100mL
SO₂ – 50 mg/L
A/V – 15.2%

Production: 213 cases

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