

SONOMA-LOEB



LEGENDARY WINES FROM SONOMA'S LEGACY VINEYARDS

2016 VIOGNIER COLD CREEK VINEYARD, CARNEROS WINEMAKER PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS



THE WINE

Our Sonoma-Loeb Viognier comes from the Laird family's Cold Creek Ranch, an acclaimed vineyard located on the Sonoma side of Carneros. Cold Creek's rock and gravel soils are ideal for Viognier, as are the cooling sea breezes off the San Pablo Bay that lengthen the growing season and ensure abundant hangtime to fully ripen the grapes. To underscore this wine's rich texture and lush tropical fruit, it was 100% barrel fermented, and aged for eight months in neutral French oak.

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

The 2016 growing season continued a string of phenomenal vintages that goes all the way back to 2012. With no frost issues, and ideally timed March rains, the season got off to an early start. The weather throughout spring and summer was temperate and even, ultimately yielding near average heat accumulation numbers for the season, and allowing the grapes to ripen at a leisurely pace. Harvest for our white grapes began in mid-September, with the fruit showing a perfect balance between bright natural acidity and lovely varietal flavors.

TASTING NOTES

Exotic aromas of tropical flowers, apricot, lychee, mango and orange zest leap from the glass, with additional hints of vanilla bean and clove adding depth and nuance. On the palate, flavors of honeydew melon, stone fruits and Meyer lemon are underscored by a silky-smooth texture that coats the mouth, while adding length and richness. The finish is long and satisfying with lingering notes of enticing tropical spice.

WINE STATISTICS

Harvested: September 14, 2016
Brix at harvest: 28.0°
TA: 0.65 g/100 ml
pH: 3.60
Alc: 15.2%