

*2010 Viognier Elephant Mountain Vineyard  
Rattlesnake Hills*

**Vineyards**

Elephant Mountain Vineyard/ Rattlesnake Hills AVA/ Viognier

100%

**Vintage**

2010 was a fantastic vintage for white wines in Washington State. The cool Summer weather, moderate temps, and extended hang time produced some of our best white wines to date. Moderate alcohols, along with crisp acidity, and layered flavors express true varietal characters. Our 2010 whites are cellar worthy and combine gracefully with many foods.

**Tasting Notes**

Our first vineyard designate release. The goal of this wine is to show a balanced combination of a sense of place (the vineyard) and true varietal character. Of course a winemakers style plays into this picture as well. Bright, crisp and elegant, this dry Viognier shows elegant white flower, and citrus notes on the nose. The palate offers flavors of tropical and citrus fruits, while avoiding the heavy, oily side of Viognier. A mineral and spicy mouth-feel finish complements the creaminess of 12 months on full lees, leaving the palate dry. Pairs well with many foods. Will hold for 6 years in the cellar. Best in 2013-16.

**Technical Notes**

**Blend:** 100% Viognier 2000 planting

**Harvest Date:** October 15, 2010

**Harvest Chemistry Avg:** Brix: 23 Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L pH: 3.25

**Vinification**

The Elephant Mountain Viognier was destemmed and softly crushed to lay overnight on the skins, then pressed, settled, and gravity racked to neutral French oak barrels. Inoculated in barrel with D254 and CY3079 Rhone yeasts, primary fermentation was completed over 45 days at 18-20 degrees Celsius. Aged sur lie for 12 months, with light battonage (lees stirring) only during the first month. Malolactic fermentation (MLF) was not allowed. Only 1 racking was performed, just before filtration. Lightly fined and sterile filtered proceeding bottling.

**Wine Chemistry:** Alc v/v: 13.1% Ph: 3.35 Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L FSO2: 20ppm R/S: 1.1 g/L

**Bottled:** October 27th, 2011

Cases: 50

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**Tasting Room and Wine Gallery**

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