

# 2010 Viognier Columbia Valley

## Vineyards

Sugarloaf Vineyard/Rattlesnake Hills AVA/ Viognier	44%
Elephant Mtn.Vineyard/Rattlesnake Hills AVA/Viognier	33%
Coyote Canyon/Horse Heaven Hills AVA/Roussanne	20%
Boushey Vineyard/Yakima Valley AVA/ Marsanne	3%

## Vintage

2010 was a challenging vintage for many vineyard sites and vintners. The late Spring, cool Summer weather, moderate temps, and extended hang time produced our best white wines to date. Moderate alcohols, along with crisp acidity, and layered flavors express true varietal characters. 2010 wines will be cellar worthy and combine gracefully with many foods.

## Tasting Notes

Bright, crisp and elegant. This dry Rhone white blend shows elegant floral notes of freesia and sweet William on the nose. The palate shows a complex play of kiwi, mango and citrus fruits, with a spicy twist that lingers through to the soft, rich- almost creamy finish. The Roussanne component adds depth and richness to the floral and vibrant Viognier, and the Marsanne brings notes of Citrus, with a mineral and spice mouthfeel.

## Technical Notes

**Blend:** 77% Viognier 20% Roussanne 3% Marsanne

**Harvest Dates:** September 25-October 15, 2010

**Harvest Chemistry Avg:** Brix: 24 Total Acidity Avg: 5.5 g/L pH: 3.15-3.50

## Vinification

The Sugarloaf Viognier was whole cluster pressed, racked gravity flow without settlement to neutral French barrels and inoculated with D47 yeast. The Elephant Mtn. Viognier and Coyote Roussanne were destemmed and crushed to lay overnight on the skins, then pressed, settled, and racked to barrel to co-ferment in neutral French barrels, inoculated with D254 and CY3079 yeasts. The Boushey Marsanne was crushed, lying overnight on the skins, then pressed and underwent uninoculated fermentation in small stainless 1/4 barrels. Aged sur lie, with no Malolactic fermentation (MLF). Lightly fined and sterile filtered proceeding bottling.

**Wine Chemistry:** Alc v/v: 13.3% Ph: 3.29 Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L FSO2: 20ppm R/S: .14 g/L

**Bottled:** April 19, 2010

Cases: 125

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