



Yeringberg

2023

VIOGNIER

Yarra Valley - Australia



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Viognier
Vineyard: Yeringberg - Front Drive Block
Vine Age: 24-years-old
Soil Type: Ancient weathered silty grey loam over mudstone and calcareous siltstone
Viticulture: Regenerative
Fermentation: Native – neutral 300L & 500L French oak
Skin Contact: 4 hours (fully destemmed & crushed)
Aging: 12 months in neutral 300L & 500L French oak
Alcohol: 14%
pH: 3.75
Total Acidity: 4.9 g/L
Total SO₂: 120 ppm
Total Production: 257 cases

Reviews

James Suckling | 95 points

About

Though Viognier is but a newer voice in Yeringberg's long history, Sandra de Pury tends to it with the same quiet devotion she gives to vines that have spoken for half a century. First released in 2008, Viognier was Sandra's opportunity to build a wine from scratch. "With the viognier, I started with a clean slate and no history, and I could do whatever I liked," Sandra says. It also joined the family's selection of Rhône white grapes and gives a small but significant contribution to Yeringberg's Shiraz. In lesser hands, Viognier can become boisterous with over perfume, oily and heavy with its own richness; here, it is something altogether more graceful, a wine of poise, light, and inward radiance. The cool, lingering 2023 season suited this expression beautifully, yielding fruit of what one might call understated opulence. Sandra harvested the block in three passes over three weeks, gathering the grapes at different moments of ripeness so that the finished wine might hold not merely one note, but the full, nuanced spectrum of the variety.

The fruit was hand-harvested, fully destemmed and gently crushed with four hours of oxidative skin contact. Fermentation kicked off naturally in old 300-500L French oak demi-muids where the wine sat on its lees without any racking for 12 months. Malolactic fermentation was blocked to maintain a bright line of freshness so often neglected with the variety.

Tasting Note

There is something wonderfully self-possessed about this Viognier. It offers all the fragrance the variety promises—perfectly ripe apricot, quince, yellow apple, acacia blossom and honey, wildflowers — but nothing is amplified for effect. Its quiet richness is lifted by bright acidity & remarkable tension and length.