

2005 Estate Viognier - Verna's

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production

This is 100% Melville estate fruit from our ranch in Los Alamos named for Ron Melville's mother, Verna, and is a combination of Alban clone and clone 1. The fruit was picked very ripe, gently pressed, then transferred to stainless steel tank, where it was cold-fermented, and prepared for bottling in January of 2006. The cold fermentation and avoidance of malo-lactic fermentation were employed in order to retain the wine's liveliness and purity of expression.

tasting notes

This wine has a clean golden green hue that is full of exotic fruit components such as guava and cherimoya that intermingle with spices of coconut oil, basil-pineapple and hazelnut. Yellow-dried fruit nuances of apricot and papaya also emanate along with a slate and gravel profile. Texturally it has excellent acidity enveloping the palate balanced by a deft richness that is both complex and graceful.