

## 2009 Viognier 200 cases

### Tasting Notes

Aromas of honeysuckle and orchard blossoms are complemented by flavors of white peach and subtle minerality. The rich mid-palate finishes clean with graceful, lingering fresh fruit and balanced acidity, creating a distinctive and memorable wine.

### Harvest Notes

Vineyard: Coyote Canyon  
Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills  
Year Planted: 2001  
Harvest Date: late September  
Varietal: 100% Viognier

### Vineyard

Coyote Canyon Vineyard is located near the top of the Horse Heaven Hills at 1,000' in elevation. Gently rolling southeastern exposure reveals views of famous neighboring Champoux, Alder Ridge, Canoe Ridge and Destiny Ridge vineyards. Soils are a mix of ancient volcanic, loam and alluvial flood deposits. This is one of the warmest sites in the state, with early maturity and low pH. Vines are trained to Vertical Shoot Positioning with one cluster per shoot. Irrigated with warm artesian water. Wines with apricot and peach flavors with great acidity are the norm here.

### Vinification

The fruit is hand harvested and transported to the winery in the early morning. All fruit is whole cluster pressed with press fractions kept separate. Settled overnight without the use of sulfites, then racked to older French oak barrels. Inoculated in barrel, fermentation completes in mid November. Occasional lees stirring and no malolactic fermentation contribute richness while maintaining acidity. Blended and sterile bottled in April.

