

# DESERT WIND

## 2016 Viognier

<b>Cases produced:</b>	230
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Culloden Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Horse Heaven Hills, WA
<b>Blend:</b>	95% Viognier, 5% Chardonnay
<b>Harvested:</b>	October 2016
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Stainless steel tank fermentation
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 13.9 % • TA 0.50 g/100ml • pH 3.46
<b>Release Date:</b>	July 2017
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231991

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2016 growing season started warm and early, but cooling temperatures near harvest extended the growing period allowing for long hang-time resulting in excellent fruit and character development. The 2016 Desert Wind Viognier was fermented cool in stainless tanks and did not undergo malolactic fermentation in order to maintain a nice, crisp acidity to complement the bright fruit flavors. Aromas and flavors of ripe peach and citrus zest are the mainstay of this Viognier, with hints of vanilla, lemongrass, and spice throughout. Enjoy by itself, or pair it with shellfish, pork, and Asian cuisine.

### VINEYARD NOTES

The Culloden Vineyard is located in Eastern Washington's Horse Heaven Hills viticultural area, which encompasses 25% of the planted vineyards in Washington State. The Horse Heaven Hills takes its name from the wild horses that used to roam the area decades ago. Culloden Vineyard features south-facing slopes and deep, well drained soils, which result in wines of distinct character and flavor.

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