

# VIOGNIER

## 2021 VIOGNIER

CUSHMAN BLOCK

Indigenous to the Rhône Valley of France, Viognier is a beautifully aromatic varietal that we are proud to have in our portfolio. With a climate similar to that of the Rhône Valley, we find that Viognier grows on our estate in such a superb fashion to make for an especially captivating wine.

Our 2021 vintage marks the third vintage wherein we specified a singular vineyard block – the Cushman E block – and chose to showcase the distinct flavors and characteristics of this beloved block. In Zaca Mesa’s infancy in 1973, the original rootstock bore Chardonnay grapes. Viognier was grafted on this rootstock in 1997 and has been its home ever since. Within the Cushman E block, we pick at varying brix ripeness levels to layer in vivid notes of citrus, stone fruits, and floral to create a captivating final blend. The intense aromatics and flavor profiles signature to Viognier develop in this block at lower brix levels, allowing us to pick earlier and consciously balance the alcohol, acid, and flavors. As a result, a complexly delicious wine emerges.

The 2021 Cushman Block Viognier is a fresh and bright style of Viognier. On the nose are dazzling notes of honeysuckle flowers and fresh apricot, with just a touch of something reminiscent of sea spray – clean and invigorating. With a sip we find a lovely balanced acidity, a hallmark of our crisp and dry style of Viognier. Notes of almond and kumquat sashay across the palate, followed by a spritz of citrus-like acidity. It is pretty and light on the palate, just as it is on the nose. Have a little fun with food pairings for this wine! Try a bacon and onion tart with arugula, or a sweet & savory Thai curry dish. A classic olive and cheese plate would also be heavenly with this wine.



### APPELLATION

Santa Ynez Valley

### COMPOSITION

100% Viognier

### ALCOHOL

13.9%

### VINEYARDS

Blocks | Cushman E

### RESIDUAL SUGAR

Dry

### PRODUCTION

887 cases

### WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

*Kristin, Randy, Agustin, Ruben, José, Ramirez & Marlisa*

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