



WILD HORSE

2016 VIOGNIER

—> *Central Coast* <—

In just over 30 years, Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards has grown from humble beginnings to take its place as one of the Central Coast's leading premium winemakers. We pride ourselves on sourcing our grapes from the best regions and vineyards within the Central Coast.

THE VINEYARDS

This wine is sourced from two great vineyards. Wild Rose, in the Willow Creek District of Paso Robles, provides our Viognier grapes. It's a beautiful site, with rolling hills known for hot days, very cool nights, and calcareous soils. Our Grenache Blanc grapes come from Santa Barbara Highlands, about an hour east of coastal Highway 101. The vineyard sits above 2,300 feet, making for a unique microclimate where temperatures are below 60°F every night.

VINTAGE

A cold winter and warm spring led to a good fruit set and ample ripening. This created increased complexity and depth in the resulting wines.

WINEMAKING

Each lot was delivered to the winery in half-ton bins and went directly to press. Free run was separated from the press fraction. Juice was fermented in tank and then transferred to all neutral French oak barrels at 17° Brix to complete primary fermentation. This wine aged sur lie in neutral French oak for 3 months prior to blending and bottling. A small amount of Grenache Blanc lends to the bright acidity and elegant minerality of this wine.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2016 Central Coast Viognier has aromas of lychee, stone fruit, passion fruit, slate, and bright minerality. The wine is ripe with an opulent acidity. Flavors of zesty key lime, pineapple, and Nashi pear lead to a clean, fresh finish. Enjoy this wine with seared scallops, pad Thai, or aged cheeses.

TECHNICAL

Appellation: Central Coast
(Paso Robles and Santa Barbara County)

Winemakers: Chrissy Wittmann &
Todd Ricard

Blend Composition:
88% Viognier, 12% Grenache Blanc

Barrel Composition:
Neutral French oak

Wine Chemistry:

TA: 7.16g/L

pH: 3.2

Alc: 14.1% by volume

RS: 1.1g/L

Incoming Brix: 23°–24°

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