

The Wingwalker Viognier— 2016

ESTATE

Named after the brave and daring aerial acrobats of the 1920s, you have to be a little adventurous to try this exotic and enchanting variety, but once you have, you'll be smitten.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine were sourced from our estate vineyard. In 2016, the vines were 10 years old and all cane pruned. With the high vigour of this variety and large laterals, this allows us to keep an open canopy and moderate crop load. Shoot thinning and crop reductions are part of our normal vineyard practice. A light leaf pluck is performed pre bunch closure.

WINEMAKING

Viognier has the narrowest of windows to harvest the fruit at optimal flavour, sugar and acidity. The best flavours come right at the end of ripening and quickly dissipate if left too long. Luckily the Viognier block is right next to the winery which allows for daily and sometimes twice daily tasting and analysis. The grapes for this vintage were harvested by hand and carefully destemmed to allow for gentle extraction of aroma and flavour from the grape skin. Once pressed the juice was minimally handled with little fining and no enzyme addition so that the wine can reveal a truer expression of our vineyard. Fermented with selected yeast that maximise aromatic potential in viognier, then matured on light yeast lees for a fuller smoother mouthfeel.

TASTING NOTE

An enticing bouquet of floral aromas, gardenia, freesia with baked peach and apricot. These heady aromatics are backed up with hints of orange blossom and lemon zest. The palate is delectable with wonderful body and silky texture. A line of bright citrus gives focus to an astonishing array of stone fruit and blossom flavours. A dry finish is complemented by soft acidity and long-lasting flavours.

A beautiful compliment to your spicy dishes, white meats and risotto, or delightful as an aperitif.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.54
Total acidity	5.5 g/l
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	< 1 g/l

ABOUT ALPHA DOMUS

From our origins in 1989, establishing both vineyard and winery, Alpha Domus was a pioneer in the renowned Bridge Pa Triangle Wine District of Hawke's Bay. New Zealand family owned, we have always been inspired to create beautiful wines of worth; the importance of quality and expert craftsmanship paramount. Alpha is derived from the first initials of the founding family members names in age descending order, Anthonius, Leonarda, Paulus, Henrikus and Anthony, Domus is Latin for home.

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