

BRICOLEUR

VINEYARDS™



2023 KICK RANCH VIOGNIER

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2023 growing season was a much-welcomed change of pace as above average winter rainfall replenished aquifers and left soil profiles fully saturated to start the growing season. A cool slow progression into spring delayed bud break and prolonged flowering, generally slowing the start to the season and the timeline of grape development. Veraison was two to three weeks behind compared to the last few years. Grapes benefited from long hangtimes and developed mature phenolics at lower sugar levels. Great color, acidity, and varietal character are trademarks of the 2023 vintage in Sonoma County and will be a vintage to cherish at your table in 5, 10, or even 20 years.

Bricoleur Vineyard's Viognier comes from our second estate vineyard, Kick Ranch, in the Fountaingrove District AVA. The Viognier vines are over twenty years old and are planted at the highest point of the vineyard at over 500 feet elevation. Viognier is both challenging and rewarding to grow with highly variable yields year to year. In 2023, the perfect balance was struck between crop load, ripening time and phenolic development.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The hand-picked Viognier was carefully night harvested when the fruit reached maturity, offering distinct varietal flavors. The grapes were gently whole cluster pressed and the resulting juice settled in a chilled stainless-steel tank. Fermentation began in tank before being transferred to 75-gallon stainless-steel drums where it finished fermentation and aged sur lie for 6 months with occasional bâtonnage.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Viognier is a lovely take on the varietal as the wine sees stainless steel drums during élevage. Aromas of white peach, bosc pear, and honeysuckle burst from the glass. The palate is rich yet balanced with flavors of apricot clafoutis and kaffir lime complimented by wonderful acids from the cool vintage.

Composition: 100% Viognier
Harvest Date: October 2, 2023
Bottling Date: April 8, 2024
Release Date: July 1, 2024
Vintage: 2023
Price: \$40.00

Vineyard: Kick Ranch Vineyards
Appellation: Fountaingrove District
Winemakers: Cary Gott & Bob Cabral
Aging: 100% Stainless Steel Drums
Production: 307 Cases
Alcohol: 14.5%