

Bergevin Lane Tasting Notes

2013 Love-Struck Viognier Columbia Valley



Vintage Notes:

The 2013 growing started slowly, with an extended bloom period due to cooler than average temperatures. After bloom we couldn't have programmed better growing conditions. Very warm days and cool clear nights were the norm. A few scattered thunderstorms hit sections of the growing area but there was no significant rainfall after early June, allowing for precise canopy management. Through July and August we had warmer than normal temperatures and no rainfall. Harvest ended up starting about a week early from the warm sites, but as things cooled off we were able to slow down things in the Walla Walla valley and allow the fruit to get fully mature for perfect flavors. Over all the 2013 vintage will prove to be an excellent vintage.

Tasting Notes: Mineral and light spice aromas, with a peachy touch of oak. The first flavor on the palate is peach, specifically the portion of the peach just inside of the skin. A wave of pear followed by a wave of apricot washes over the palate with a bright glossy texture. The finish returns to layers of peach, mineral, spice and the memory of oak.

Appellation/Vineyards:

50% Willard Vineyard—Yakima Valley
41% Francisca's Vineyard—Walla Walla Valley
9% Gamache Vineyard—Columbia Valley

Blend: 91% Viognier and 9% Roussanne

Aging: 5 months, 18% New Oak, 77% FR, 14% AM, & 9% Hungarian

Bottle Date & Cases Produced:

April 3, 2014 538 Cases Alc. 13.9%

Winemaking notes: Hand picked grapes were pressed whole cluster, creating richer expressive fruit flavors and a fuller texture. Barrel fermentation and the use of five distinctly different yeast types creates complexity, body and a huge spectrum of fruit flavors. Extended aging on the fermentation lees, leads to creaminess and mineral notes. The idea behind this wine is to create an aromatic, romantic wine with elegance using tried and true old world techniques.