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2021 La Combe Pilate Viognier *Rhône Valley, IGP Collines Rhodaniennes*

Grapes: 100% Viognier

Region: Vin de France/ IGP Collines Rhodaniennes

Alcohol by Volume: 13.5%

Aging:

Fermentation followed by 8-9 months ageing in stainless vats. Undergoes malo-lactic fermentation. Very light stirring up of the lees (batonnage) during the first months of ageing.

Serving Temperature: 12°C

Drinking Window: Now through 2025

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Certifications:



Winemaker Notes

Pale gold with aniseed-colored highlights. The nose is delicate with notes of bergamot and flint stone. Very fresh on the palate, dominated by the typical Viognier flavors. On the mid-palate, there is good balance between the acidic tension associated with its terroir of origin and the natural full body of the varietal and its ageing. The finish is savory, bringing out the rustic and mineral overtones.

Vineyard

Clay, quartz pebbles, limestone gravel and loess. Areas with leptynites (gneissic metamorphic rock) granitoids.

Vintage

A relatively cool growing season and plenty of soil hydration made for a crop of wines with intensity, good acidity and balanced alcohol. Hand-harvested at optimal maturity.

Winemaking

Direct pressing of the whole bunches. Selection of the best juices from the pressing. Light settling.

Food Pairing

Sautéed shrimp with ginger, rillettes, tapas with salmon and lime, cod tartare and green curries.



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