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Since 2001 Forgeron Cellars has been devoted to crafting artisanal, small-lot wines that explore the nuances of several highly respected and diverse vineyard sites throughout Washington's Columbia Valley. Showcasing the unblemished character within each varietal and revealing the unique vintage conditions of the fruit has resulted in a proud tradition of 90+ point award-winning wines.

2022 VIOGNIER

Cloud Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills

The wine greets you with a barely-there parchment yellow hue followed by a nose full of bold aromatics including forget-me-nots, daffodils, ripe papaya, banana peel, snickerdoodles, and a hint of lemongrass. The palate is no less flirtatious and precious with brief notes of Canary melon, Juicy Fruit, lemon chiffon, quince, and sugar snap peas. A quick snap of crisp acidity and a dash of sweet and sour sauce and watermelon rind create a compelling finish. There is an overall green feel to the texture and flavor, as if it were all wrapped in Granny Smith apple skin, and the low alcohol helps perpetuate this illusion. A beguiling beauty that will blossom into more depth and complexity with some bottle age.

VINTAGE NOTES

Murphy's Law pretty much describes the 2022 Wine Grape Vintage in Washington State. Each vintage usually presents one nearly insurmountable, unforeseen challenge...in 2022 we had three! To start, we endured a very cold winter that ran into spring, making it the coldest spring on record causing late bud-break and included a very rare spring blizzard that had a very bad impact on vines that were finally into bud break at the time. Last, to contrast the very cold start to the season, Mother Nature brought extreme heat at the peak of fruit ripening, which is never good, especially following the challenges at bud-break. In spite of all this, when making fine wine, less almost always equals more. A smaller berry set, longer growing season combined with our incredibly talented and committed growing partners doing their thing, has resulted in an amazingly high-quality, extremely-focused, and seriously expressive vintage; one that wine lovers will celebrate and accountants will lament.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: 100% Viognier
Vineyard: Cloud
AVA: Horse Heaven Hills
Coopering: Aged 6 months in neutral oak barrels
pH: 3.48 | TA: 5.8g/L | Alcohol: 12%
Bottled: February 2023
Production: 125 cases
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