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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.

## **2021 VIOGNIER**

Francisca's Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley

Delicate notes of fresh lilac, heady jasmine, lychee, and candied pineapple waft in the glass. As you sip you are greeted with pleasant hints of underripe orange and lively citrus flavors that complement the full and rich mid-palate experience. The finish is equally delightful with a long-lasting interlude full of fresh and lingering flavors of Asian pear, tropical citrus, and honeysuckle.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Viognier is farmed at the beautiful Francisca's Vineyard site on the South side at the foothills of the Blue Mountains. We have enjoyed this vineyard every year and love the expression it imparts to the Viognier varietal. The 2021 vintage fruit purity and character radiates in the glass. We had plenty of time to wait for the fruit to be just right before picking and processing at the winery and we could already tell this vintage was special; after fermentation we really knew we had something exquisite to share with everyone.

## VINTAGE NOTES

In 2021 we had a bit of an odd start. We experienced a push and pull with the weather conditions throughout the growing season. The growing season started off with much warmer temperatures in the spring that led us to expect an early harvest, but temperatures lowered to a more optimal level during the summer months. With the proper temperatures continuing through to the end of summer we were able to wait for the most ideal moment to harvest the fruit. The optimal harvest conditions allowed us to develop comprehensive varietal character in the finished wines.

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

Composition: 100% Viognier Vineyard: Francisca's AVA: Walla Walla Valley Coopering: Aged 6 months in 40% neutral French oak and 60% stainless steel pH: 3.48 | TA: 5.6 g/L | Alcohol: 14.5% Bottled: February 2022 Production: 119 cases UPC Code: 710535847833

