

PRESENTS:

2016 VIOGNIER
EL PASO DE ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

THE VINEYARD

Héroé wines celebrate the workingman and more specifically the vineyard workers who are responsible for every operation that takes us all the way to winemaking. Lugardo Zatarian "Uga" featured on the front label of this bottle is that workingman. Uga worked eight years at Frankel Family Vineyards doing all the labor related to the vineyard. His tireless efforts, and dedication to farming excellence is the reason this wine tastes so wonderful! Viognier is the only white grape grown on Sculpterra's estate. The vineyard was planted in 2005 and fruit production started in 2008. The vines are oriented north and south and get lots of sun exposure aiding in the fruit's natural ripening process. This 2016 season was an awesome all around year with a great consistent spring and summer temperatures, which created balance in the vines and steady ripening. Carriage Vineyards, Sukhy's Home Ranch and Hidden Oak vineyard's viognier were also used in the final blend of this wine.

THE WINEMAKING

Our winemaking team does a terrific job of "respecting the fruit" by keeping winemaking interaction to a bare minimum. Our objective is to produce a Viognier with the cleanest and fruitiest flavors possible! That being stated, the berries are very lightly pressed upon arrival to the winery. Then the juice was cold settled, and the fermentation kept at almost freezing temperatures in a stainless steel tank. This cold fermentation is crucial for the wines flavor development. We separated the harvesting into two lots, once of which was less ripe more tart and the later, sweeter and fruitier.

THE TASTE

2016 Héroé Viognier covers your palette with tropical fruits; balanced by just the right amount of acidity and sweetness. It's the perfect summer time wine with both tart flavor and lush mouthfeel. There is a honeyed character to the taste, along with melon, white peach, mango and buttered bread, verifying it's hot climate growing region and ripe character. The mouthfeel and texture stay with you, as you taste it! Also, ample aromas are found over and over again, enjoy apple, lemon zest and guava. Overall it's medium-bodied and ready to drink upon release. Let it age through 2018 for an even better tasting experience. .

THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 100% Viognier
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate, Carriage Vineyard
Sukhy's Ranch, & Hidden Oak Vineyard
PH: 3.40
TA: 0.70
RS: 0.75
ALC: 15.3%
Case Production: 420 Cases (750ml bottles)
Bottling Date: March 21, 2017

