

# 2018 K ART DEN HOED VIOGNIER

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Honeysuckle, Asian pear, lilac and wisteria. This seductive wine is elegant and layered with white peach, apricot, melon, apple blossom and cool stone. Mouth-filling and fresh. A sophisticated beauty.



# **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2018 vintage was incredible! This outstanding vintage began mild followed by a long and dry ripening season in the fall. This enabled us to hang the fruit to reach optimal ripeness without losing acidity or increasing sugars. The wines from 2018 are exceptional in many ways, from the great expression of the whites to the beautiful refinement and complexity of the reds. Enjoy!

## **CURRENT & PAST SCORES**

#### 93 Points, James Suckling

"This is a serious viognier with density and richness that is reminiscent of a southern Rhone with it's depth and layers. Full-bodied with a solid center palate and a long, fla-vorful finish. I like the almost tannic structure to the mouth feel. Drink or hold."

#### 92 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

"From a site in the Yakima Valley and brought up in neutral barrel and concrete, the 2018 Viognier Art Den Hoed reveals a medium gold hue as well as beautiful notes of orange blossom, ripe peach, and a touch of quince. With medium-bodied richness, the classic Viognier texture, and a great finish, it's a layered, textured, balanced Viognier that does everything right."

### WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Viognier

**Appellation:** Yakima Valley

Vineyard(s): Art Den Hoed (100%)

**Production:** 2.9 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster pressed |50% concrete & 50%

neutral barrels | 5 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.5 g/L titratable acidity | 3.42 pH | 13.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

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