



# 2024 K VINTNERS ART DEN HOED VIOGNIER

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Once introduced, once taken, brilliant exotic and appealing ripe peach and fresh picked apricot on a warm sunny day. Honeysuckle and a touch of tangerine envelope the senses, crushed slate, wisteria, and a gifted white rose entangle, enchant, and linger. This Viognier is so beautiful and so noble.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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2024 was quite a year for grapes in Washington state. An early and unusually harsh freeze hit vineyards hard at the end of the 2023 growing season. The Walla Walla Valley was particularly affected, with nearly 100% bud damage to our estate vineyards. Other parts of the state looked bleak at first, but vines are resilient—plants want to grow, and Mother Nature nurtured those not completely decimated by the freeze. Surprisingly, quality remained high despite the challenges. Unusually atypical and lower in yield, the 2024 harvest produced wines of remarkable complexity, focus, and intensity—beautifully expressive and fascinating in character.

## CURRENT SCORES

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### 94 Points, *Jeb Dunnock*

"The 2024 Viognier Art Den Hoed is a great representation of the variety in the state in the right hands. It's creamy, luscious, and yet also completely fresh and full of verve. Light-bodied, it shows snappy layers of apple, pear, and honeycomb, with 6-8 years of aging potential to boot, if not more."

## VINEYARD

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### Art Den Hoed Vineyard (100%)

Made entirely from Art Den Hoed's vineyard in lower Yakima Valley, this site is unique because it sits at 1300 ft. in elevation, making it one of the cooler vineyards in the area with excellent air drainage.

## WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Viognier

**Appellation:** Yakima Valley

**Production:** 3 tons per acre, native yeast, whole cluster pressed in 50% Neutral Demi-Muid, 50% Concrete Tank | 5 months barrel-aged on lees in 158 gallon demi-muid

**Wine Analysis:** 5 g/L titratable acidity, 3.63 pH, 15% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001017

