



2022 K ART DEN HOED VIOGNIER

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Crushed diamonds set the stage for this dazzling Northern Rhone noble varietal. Exotic comes to mind. Peach, wildflowers, orange blossom, apricot pit. Mouth Filling in the most delightful way. Viognier should become your new favorite.

VINTAGE NOTES

2022 was a unique year for wine grapes in Washington State. A slow start from a late Spring eventually balanced out into an even and warm Summer and ultimately led to one of the longest Falls we have ever seen. Our vineyards, which produce great grapes year in and year out, harvested fruit that lent itself to extremely special wines this year. Wines that are firm, bright, and beautiful, with lovely aromas. We're excited to watch them continue to develop and provide enjoyment for years to come!

CURRENT SCORES

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnock*

"A brilliant expression of the variety, the 2022 Viognier Art Den Hoed Vineyard has tight, almost reductive aromatics of tart apricots, bananas, and salted citrus. It's pure, medium to full-bodied, has a gorgeous texture, and outstanding length. Coming all from a site in the Yakima Valley and aged in equal parts concrete and used barrels, it will have 2-4 years of prime drinking. It's one of the finest Viognier outside of Condrieu."

91 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"...slightly reductive in the glass with hints of cereal grain, sweet citrus, quince and a soft floral element of citrus blossom and peach skin. Medium to full-bodied, rich and focused, the palate gradually opens to a delightful and balanced frame; this will remain food-friendly until its 10th birthday. For the price, few Viogniers can compete with this quality level. Buy the entire case."

91 Points, *James Suckling*

"This has lovely aromas of almond blossom, salted yellow plums, apricot stones, mangosteens and saltines. It's medium- to full-bodied with creamy, clean layers. Excellent freshness. Delicious now."

VINEYARD

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

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Viognier

Appellation: Yakima Valley

Production: whole cluster press, no skin contact, native yeast, fermentation in 100% neutral French oak demi-muids and stainless steel tanks | 3 months barrel-aged on lees in 100% neutral French oak demi-muids

Wine Analysis: 5.6 g/L titratable acidity, 3.42 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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