

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## 2012 Terre Rouge Viognier Reserve, Fiddletown (100% Viognier)

This 2012 Viognier Reserve was grown completely on our own estates in the Fiddletown AVA. This wine has wonderful fruit and acidity. These grapes are planted in loamy, decomposed granite soil and cropped carefully. Mother Nature usually does some additional pruning with a kiss of frost in the late Spring and the birds do the remainder of the pruning in the Fall. The wine, itself, has great body, richness, and mouth feel. There are also attractive apricot and peach flavors that mingles in the mouth and provide a delicious texture and a slight stoniness in the finish. The pit (stone) fruit varieties thrive in our cooler, Northern Rhône-like climate. We pick the fruit by flavor and physiological maturity. The grapes begin to get a brown speckled look when they approach maturity. This is one of our top white Rhône wines. This Reserve bottling was whole-cluster pressed and barrel fermented in 90% slightly-used French oak barrels and 10% new tight-grained barrels from a small Rhône specialty cooper. We extended the barrel and lees aging to 11 months, with no racking, and full malolactic fermentation. The wine will improve considerably with a few years bottle age. Bottled at the end of August, 2013.

Alc. 14.5% by vol.; 3.39 pH; 6.3 gm./liter total acidity -<u>Suggest Retail</u>: \$40 a bottle - 100 cases bottled <u>Release Date</u>: May 2014

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