



2024 SIERRA MAR VINEYARD VIOGNIER

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Sierra Mar is the southernmost site that our family owns and manages. It is our highest in elevation at up to 1,100 feet above sea level. In 2007, Gary Francioni painstakingly planted it, and drilled a well which pumps water three miles up the hillsides to make irrigation possible. The heavily sloped terrain and thin soils encourage deep root systems and drainage. Its elevation often places Sierra Mar around the fogline, adding to its diversity and mystique. This slightly warmer site also experiences heavy winds in the afternoon along with cooler nights help retain natural acidity.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Perched above the fog line, this limited-production Viognier captures the vibrancy of Sierra Mar's cool-climate slopes. Aromas of stone fruit, jasmine tea, and chalk lead into a medium-full palate layered with apricot, orange zest, and hints of white nougat and caramel. A bright lift of nectarine and green tea carries through the finish. ROAR is the sole producer of Viognier from this dramatic site, with only two barrels made this vintage.

Winemaker: Scott Shapley

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands

Farming: Sustainable (SIP Certified)

Harvest: October 16, 2023

Oak: Neutral French oak

Aging: 10 months in barrel

Alcohol: 14.5%

Acid: 3.72 pH

Production: 61 cases made

2024: Not yet rated

2023: 92 pts, Antonio Galloni's Vinous

2022: 93 pts, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW

2021: 92 pts, Antonio Galloni's Vinous

2020: Not produced due to CA wildfires

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