

# JUSTIN *Production Notes*



*A vibrant expression  
of a rich Rhône varietal*

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Composition:** Viognier

**Bottling Data:**

pH: 3.44

Total Acidity: 0.72 g/100ml

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

**Bottling Period:**

February 3, 2011

**Release Date:**

## 2010 VIOGNIER

### *Philosophy*

Viognier's rich texture, aromas of citrus and tropical fruit and haunting floral perfume have taken this northern Rhône variety from near extinction in the 1960s to a popular variety in the new world. Paso Robles, with its Rhône influence, has become a new refuge for this grape, and our 2010 JUSTIN Viognier is an appealing expression of its potential. Its full bodied, drier style, mouth-filling texture, and long finish have made this wine a favorite, especially for red wine drinkers who normally don't venture into the white zone.

### *Vintage Summary*

The 2010 growing season had a cool, wet beginning. The heavy rains replenished the limestone soils of our vineyards, allowing them to soak up the much needed water due to their unique high water holding capacity. Spring was late, but stayed calm and consistent, with no frost issues. Bud break came late due to the cold winter and mild spring and a dry May segued into moderately cool early summer months. August finally brought on the heat, but the uncommonly cool early summer made for the latest harvest of our white grapes in JUSTIN history, allowing the soft harvest sun to slowly marry ripe varietal characteristics with bright, fresh acidity.

### *Harvest Notes*

**Harvest Period:** September 15 – October 2, 2010

**Average Brix at Harvest:** 27.8°

### **Vinification:**

**Fermentation:** 14 days in 30% new French Oak Barriques using M-2 yeast

**Maturation:** 4 months in barrel with lees stirring once a week

### *Tasting Notes*

**Appearance:** Clear, bright, pale yellow, with high viscosity

**Aroma:** Peach, tangerine, citrus flower with a touch of tropical fruit

**Palate:** Crisp and full bodied with ripe mandarin orange, peach and apricot upfront, mid-palate has a distinctive creamy texture with orange peel highlights.

The finish is long and mouthfilling.



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