

Praxis 2006 Viognier



WINERY

After a notable winemaking career with many prominent wineries, Bill Arbios fulfilled a longstanding dream of having his own label with the debut of Arbios Cellars in 1993. Arbios Cellars focuses on a single Bordeaux-style red wine, made from 100 percent Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown in the acclaimed Alexander Valley of Sonoma County. In addition the second label - Praxis - features wines made from single varietals.

DESCRIPTION:

This is their fifth vintage from the same vineyard in Lodi. Although Praxis is a Sonoma County winery, the warmth of the growing conditions there are closer to the climatic conditions of the Southern Rhone valley in France. Bill feels the Viognier grapes need more heat than Sonoma County to fully develop their varietal characteristics. He selected the Geneva clone of Viognier which imparts less floral aroma and more flavors of peaches and apricot to the wine. The wine was fermented in stainless steel to retain the purest expression of the grapes.

The wine is light straw in color with hints of green. Aromas of peaches, guavas, tropical fruit and a hint of honeysuckle perfume the nose. Flavors of pears are accentuated by a lingering taste of strawberry and stone fruits. The wine has crisp, bright acidity, rich body and a dry finish.

PRODUCTION:

800 cases - 750 ml

PICKING STATISTICS:

100% Lodi Viognier, harvested at 24.4 brix

WINEMAKING

Fermented in stainless steel with no Malolactic fermentation

ANALYSIS

13.8% alcohol by volume; residual sugar 0.02%, pH 3.52, TA 0.66gm/100ml

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