

SPANN VINEYARDS VIOGNIER, EL DORADO COUNTY

100% Viognier. Rich and lush with mouth-coating flavors of peach and apricot. This delicious varietal is a bit forward, demanding to be noticed and admired. Summertime in a glass! From Viognier grapes grown in El Dorado County, California. The El Dorado wine region is nestled in the Sierra foothills between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. It has more than 2,000 acres of vines at the highest elevations across California. Only 62 cases of this wonderful wine were produced. Nestled among the majestic coastal redwoods of the Mayacamas Mountains, Spann Vineyards, owned by Peter and Betsy Spann, is 40 acres of vines, ponds and animal life cultivated for the benefit of the whole. Mostly this means that they leave it alone, a core principle of sustainable farming. Betsy notes, "...the sustainable activities I practice in the vineyard are pretty passive...I am willing to sacrifice the groomed (I like to say vacuumed) look of many vineyards to achieve a real balance in the land, which actually makes less work for me, not more." The steeply terraced mountainside vineyard yields small amounts of richly flavored grapes. From this and select coolclimate vineyards throughout Sonoma County they craft limited quantities of European-style blended wines, strongly influenced by Bordeaux, the Rhone Valley and Tuscany. They strive to create foodfriendly, unique wines that are memorable in their purity, authenticity, distinctiveness, and enjoyment, and that blend seamlessly into the occasion, whether it be with friends on the patio or accompanying a formal dinner. Whatever the time or place, Spann Vineyards will linger pleasurably on your palate and in your memory.

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