

2011 West Viognier



- 100% Viognier
- Harvested September 23, 2011
- Fermented in stainless steel
- Bottled February 8, 2012
- Released April 2015
- Alc. 13.5%, pH 3.5 TA .68
- Dry Creek Valley AVA
- Estate grown in our creek side vineyard

2011 West Viognier is made in a dry style which shows the natural flavors of the grape. Viognier (*Vee-on-yeah*) is an aromatic grape from the Rhone valley and West Viognier shows classic Viognier aromas such as pineapple and mango. These flavors continue on the palate along with citrus and a mineral crisp tone, a lingering aftertaste and long finish. An aromatic, yet crisp wine which pairs well with seafood, vegetables, chicken and even more spicy dishes. The grapes are grown in gravel loam soil next to Dry Creek in our creek side vineyard.

West Wines is a family winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County owned by Katarina Bonde and Bengt Akerlind. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking where long aging is part of the method and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We practice sustainable farming, minimizing the use of energy and water and using solar power. Between our wine rows we plant cover crops to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control.

Winemakers are Katarina Bonde and Phyllis Zouzounis. Katarina got her Winemakers Certificate at UC Davis 2012 and hands on experience while crafting the portfolio of wines at West Wines. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County.