

## Équinoxe Viognies 2018

Équinoxe: equal day, equal night. Equal heat of the day, equal cool of the night. Equal old world, equal new world.

The second-ever release of a 100% Viognier wine from Le Vieux Pin. After nearly a decade of growing these precious grapes, we finally realized the potential of a very special subplot we are growing these vines on. A measly single puncheon (56 cases) output only, but wow wow wow. A wine full of oomph and surprises. The Nose is a myriad of crushed rocks mingling with exotic tropical notes and equally exotic floral nectars. There is an intriguing saline note in the wine which keeps the fruit/floral dance composed and restrained. On the palate, the wine enters with lushness but quickly pulls back with a solid spine of acidity and dry extract. Never overbearing nor lacking. Équinoxe Viognier is a wine that manages to hit that sweet spot of taking the very best of both the old world and the new world. Salut!

## RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Smoked Salmon and tropical fruit sushi rolls are a favourite pairing. Pan-fried Veal in cream, morel and Provencal herbs sauce is another winner.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Viognier

REGION: Black Sage Bench

VINEYARD: Le Grand Pin

SOIL ORIGIN: Glacio Fluvial fan

SOIL TYPE: Mostly sand and clay with few pockets of gravel

loam

AGE OF VINES: 10 years old

YIELD: Average of 3.9 tons/acre

PRODUCTION: 56 cases
ALCOHOL: 13.90%

SWEETNESS: Dry

AGING: 9 months in a single re-used French oak

puncheon

BATTONAGE: Twice a week for the first 4 months.

then once a week

