

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

CATIE'S CORNER • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2012 VIOGNIER



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In keeping with the Coppola promise to make every visit to the winery memorable and unique, we've created the Francis Coppola Reserve label—limited production wines that showcase distinctive vineyards from Sonoma's renowned appellations, and special winemaking techniques in the case of our rare dessert wines. Wine director, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards for crafting small-batch wines including a unique late harvest Semillon and Petite Sirah "Port." Because these wines are produced in such limited quantities, they are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members and those who shop with us online.

THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films, the courtyard and fountain at Inglenook in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

CATIE'S CORNER VINEYARD

Our 2012 Viognier originates in Catie's Corner, a Russian River Valley vineyard comprised of sandy clay loam soils. This vineyard experiences diurnal temperature variations that can create a day-to-night temperature difference of as much as 50 degrees. This phenomenon allows this varietal to ripen more slowly, which helps the wine maintain vibrancy and develop more texture and complexity than it might otherwise in a warmer climate. As a result, our Reserve Viognier delivers rich, ripe fruit flavors that are balanced by a crisp natural acidity.

THE WINE

Our grapes are harvested in the early morning hours because cool temperatures ensure that the fruit retains a high level of natural acidity. Likewise, the grapes are crushed and fermented at a cool temperature to protect the delicacy of the varietal. Finishing occurs in stainless steel so that the resulting wine maintains its pretty floral fragrance. The Francis Coppola Reserve Viognier of 2012 presents a gorgeous perfume of apricots, guava, exotic spice notes and floral impressions of hyacinth. Exceptionally balanced with good body and luscious flavors of pineapple and tropical fruits, the wine shows its complexity with alluring notes of honey, cloves, and orange blossoms.

Appellation Russian River Valley,
Sonoma County
Blend 100% Viognier
Alcohol 14.1%
Aged Stainless steel

Corey Beck, Winemaker

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