

# FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

CATIE'S CORNER • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2016 VIOGNIER



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The connection between a vine and the soil it's planted in creates the essence of a wine. Francis Coppola Reserve wines are vineyard-specific creations produced in limited quantities from distinctive sites in Sonoma County. Corey Beck hand-selects the best lots of fruit from each vintage that capture the unique qualities of these prestigious vineyards. From these selections we craft small-batch wines, which are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members, and those who shop with us online.

## CATIE'S CORNER VINEYARD

Several years back we discovered a bit of magic in the Viognier from this renowned Russian River Valley vineyard and have been sourcing fruit from it ever since. The Catie's Corner Vineyard experiences unique diurnal pattern, where there is often a 50-degree difference between daytime and nighttime temperatures. This climate condition allows the fruit to ripen slowly and retain crisp natural acidity. The contrast also creates a multi-dimensional, complex wine.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Over the last few vintages, the Sonoma growing season has started early with budbreak in February. The same was true in 2016. Spring rain reduced clusters so that overall yields were down a bit, but warm steady weather throughout summer produced excellent ripening. In the end, less fruit and ideal physiological maturation delivered another high quality vintage. This Viognier was harvested in the early morning hours, fermented cool, and finished in stainless steel to protect the varietal's fragrance.

## TASTING NOTES

Catie's Corner Viognier delivers tropical fruit tones on very warm years, but leans more toward mineral nuances in cool years. The 2016 vintage offers the best of both worlds, showing pretty floral notes, juicy fruits, hints of baking spice, and crisp mineral qualities. An alluring fragrance of lemon, pineapple, wet stones, and honeysuckle gives way to succulent flavors of peach, tangerine, and guava. Beautifully balanced by vibrant natural acidity, elegant mineral character evolves on a grand, lengthy finish.

Corey Beck, Winemaker

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Blend	100% Viognier
Alcohol	12.75%
TA	.63g/ml
pH	3.69
Barrel Regimen	Stainless steel
Case Production	979



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