

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

CATIE'S CORNER VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2017 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. Our winemaking team 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 Family members, and those who shop with us online.

CATIE'S CORNER VINEYARD

Several years ago, we discovered a bit of magic in the Viognier fruit from the renowned Catie's Corner Vineyard in Russian River Valley, and have been sourcing grapes from it ever since. The vineyard experiences a 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 an expressive, multi-dimensional wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2017 saw a traditional growing season where a cool, rainy winter gave way to warm spring temperatures and prolonged heat in the summer. The grapes reached maturity in early autumn and were picked before first light to protect the fruit's signature fragrance and crisp, natural acidity. Like its preceding vintage, our 2017 fruit delivered very high quality, with pronounced aromas and excellent flavor complexity.

TASTING NOTES

We love how this vineyard responds differently each vintage depending on the season. Our previous Viognier from Catie's Corner offered strong floral notes and mineral nuances. This vintage leans more towards tropical fruit tones, fragrant notes of jasmine, and just a trace of limestone minerals. Leading with a beautiful perfume of lychee, apricot, and island flowers, this wine offers juicy, mouth-filling flavors of pineapple, citrus, and melon, all perfectly balanced by vibrant natural acidity.

Appellation: Catie's Corner Vineyard,
Russian River Valley
Blend: 100% Viognier
Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Acid: .61g/100ml
pH: 3.65
Barrel Regimen: Stainless steel

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