

## Équinoxe Niognier 2022

Flowery, Stone Fruits, Honeysuckle, Rich, Aromatic, Long Finish, Balanced

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

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 output only, but what a jewel of a wine. The Nose is a myriad of crushed rocks mingling with exotic tropical notes and even more 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. Equinoxe 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

**Meat-Based:** Poached lobster, sea bass or smoked salmon and tropical fruit sushi rolls are great pairings, and for those meat lovers quail or simple roast chicken dishes.

**Plant-Based:** Raw Thai salad with mango and green papaya or cauliflower tacos with mango-habanero salsa.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Viognier

REGION: 100% Oliver, single vineyard

VINEYARD: Le Grand Pin

SOIL ORIGIN: Glacio fluvial fan

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

loam

AGE OF VINES: 14 years old

YIELD: Average of 1.9 tons/acre

PRODUCTION: 50 cases
ALCOHOL: 14.50%
SWEETNESS: Dry

AGING: 8 months in French oak barrels, 0% new

BATTONAGE: Twice a week for the first 4 months,

then once a week

