

# Carol Shelton

2019

## Wild Thing Viognier

Damiano Vineyard, Placer County

High up in the Sierra Nevada, in the California Gold Country town of Auburn, lies this gem of a vineyard of Viognier, planted and managed by the father and son team of John and Joe Damiano. When picked just a bit less ripe than many CA Viogniers, the fruit expresses lively citrus and gentle white flower aromatics, while barrel fermentation in mostly older French oak barrels leads to a wine of perfect structure and creamy-crispy balance.

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** Beautiful nose of white flowers (jasmine, gardenia and honeysuckle) mingled with pretty green tea, grapefruit and orange zest aromas, only a light kiss of creamy vanilla oak toast. Super crisp acidity without being puckery tart, just pinpoint balanced with trace of sweetness and creaminess from oak. Juicy, mouth-watering Honey-crisp apple and citrus, green peach fruit. Great structure to pair with lemon-butter shrimp or Thai food or even to drink solo.

**Harvest Dates:** August 24, 2019  
**Average Brix at Harvest:** 24.5°Brix---0.49 Total Acid /3.65 pH at harvest

**Fermentation Characteristics:** Destemmed to press and cold settled.  
**Cellar Storage/Aging:** 100% barrel fermented, stirred weekly sur lie.  
No Malo-lactic fermentation, so it is crisply finished.

**Oak contact:** 100% spent 8 months sur lie in barrels—  
85% neutral French, 15% neutral American

**Alcohol:** 13.6%      **Residual Sugar:** 0.3% (dry)  
**Total Acidity:** 0.61 gm/100ml      pH: 3.42

**Varietal:** 96% Viognier –2 clones:  
50% Calera and 50% Entav 642  
4% Chardonnay

**Appellation :** 76% Damiano Vineyard, Placer County  
20% Paso Robles, 4% Dry Creek Valley  
All sustainably farmed

**Cases produced:** 602 cases  
**Bottling Date:** May 28, 2020  
**Release Date:** August 1, 2020



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