

2009 Calera Viognier Mt Harlan

RATING: 94 points

PRODUCER: Calera

FROM: Mount Harlan
San Benito County,
Central Coast,
California, USA

VARIETY: Viognier

DRINK: 2010-2013

SOURCE: WA, #190
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Perhaps the finest Viognier I have tasted recently, the 2009 Viognier Mt. Harlan was made from ridiculously low yields of 1.25 tons of fruit per acre, whole cluster pressed, put through full malolactic fermentation, and aged in neutral oak for ten months with no racking. The result is a brilliant expression of Viognier. Nectarine, mango, guava, white peach, and honeysuckle aromas soar from the glass of this full-bodied, concentrated white. It also reveals a good underpinning of fresh acids and minerality. A tour de force for Viognier, it should drink nicely for 1-3 years.

– Robert Parker

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