

## MINER FAMILY WINERY PASO ROBLES VIOGNIER 2019/\$18.99



### DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1988 by Dave Miner, president of Oakville Ranch Vineyards, along with his wife Emily and his parents, Ed and Norma, Miner Family Vineyards produces small lot, handcrafted wines using fruit from Oakville Ranch, Ed and Norma's vineyard and other carefully selected California vineyards. Best known for their Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, they also produce limited quantities of other varietals using a combination of old world wine-making techniques and modern technology. Their focus is on producing high end, reserve-style wines that reflect the unique characteristics of individual vineyards or terrior where those specific varietals grow best.

Paso Robles has made a name for itself as a source of supple, powerful, fruit-driven Central Coast wines. But with eleven smaller sub-AVAs, there is actually quite a bit of diversity to be found in this inland portion of California's Central Coast.

Just east over the Santa Lucia Mountains from the chilly Pacific Ocean, lie the coolest in the region: Adelaida, Templeton Gap and (Paso Robles) Willow Creek Districts, as well as York Mountain AVA and Santa Margarita Ranch. These all experience more ocean fog, wind and precipitation compared to the rest of the Paso sub-appellations. The San Miguel, (Paso Robles) Estrella, (Paso Robles) Geneso, (Paso Robles) Highlands, El Pomar and Creston Districts, along with San Juan Creek, are the hotter, more western appellations of the greater Paso Robles AVA.

This is mostly red wine country, with Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel standing out as the

star performers. Other popular varieties include Merlot, Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, Syrah, Grenache, and Rhône blends, both red and white. There is a fairly uniform tendency here towards wines that are unapologetically bold and opulently fruit-driven, albeit with a surprising amount of acidity thanks to the region's chilly nighttime temperatures.

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Viognier ("Vee-own-yay") is a full-bodied white wine that originated in southern France. Most loved for its perfumed aromas of peach, tangerine and honeysuckle, Viognier can also be oak-aged to add a rich creamy taste with hints of vanilla. The Miner Viognier is made with 100% Viognier grapes exclusively from the Steinbeck Vineyard in Paso Robles.

### **Tasting Notes**

#### **Nose:**

Aromatically complex with citrus and honeysuckle notes on the nose.

#### **Palate:**

This quintessential food wine was whole cluster pressed and stainless steel fermented to allow the vibrant, tropical and stone fruit characteristics of this varietal to shine. A plush feel on the palate, their Viognier consistently displays a fine balance of neutral acidity and intense concentration.

#### **Pairing:**

A great example might be to match a bolder weight Viognier from Paso Robles, CA with chicken tangine with apricots and almonds served over a saffron rice. The aromas in the dish should heighten the fruit flavors and creaminess in the wine.

**Winery Website:** [Miner Family Wines | Oakville CA Winery \(minerwines.com\)](https://www.minerwines.com)

### **Fun Facts**

There's wonderful purity to the pineapple, lemon curd and ripe apricot flavors, with touches of peach blossom and candied orange peel on the finish. A fresh thread of acidity and a supple texture leave an elegant, lasting impression. **-92 Points Wine Spectator**

# Paso Robles A.V.A., Central Coast, California

