

FESS PARKER RODNEY'S VINEYARD VIOGNIER 2019/\$29.99



DESCRIPTION

Established in 1989, the Fess Parker Winery has a long history in Santa Barbara Wine Country and is well known for its small-lot, hand harvested, vineyard-designated, and clonal selection Rhône and Burgundian varietals.

The winery specializes in estate grown Syrah, Riesling, and Viognier as well as Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the Sta. Rita Hills and Santa Maria Valley AVA's. Outstanding fruit sources, including some of the finest vineyards in the county, coupled with skilled winemaking, led by Blair Fox, form the foundation for the winery's success. Fess Parker Winery's estate vineyard, Rodney's, received its SIP (Sustainable in Practice) Certification in 2020. Now three generations in, the Fess Parker Family is proud to carry on Fess's legacy of wine heritage and hospitality in Santa Barbara.

With a dry and mild climate cooled significantly by moist ocean fog and breezes, Santa Barbara County is a grape-grower's dream. Part of the larger Central Coast appellation, Santa Barbara is home to Santa Maria Valley and Santa Ynez Valley. The conditions there provide an opportunity for nearly effortless production of high-quality cool-climate Central Coast wines. This is also the site of the 2004 film *Sideways*, which caused Pinot Noir's popularity to skyrocket and brought new acclaim to the region.

Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are the stars of Santa Barbara, producing wines marked by racy acidity. Crisp Sauvignon Blanc and savory Syrah are also important. The region is home to many young and enthusiastic winemakers eager to experiment with less common varieties including Chenin Blanc, Grüner Veltliner, Trousseau Gris, Gamay, and Cabernet Franc, making it an exciting area to watch.

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This is 100% Viognier grapes exclusively from Rodney's Vineyard (blocks K, G & I) located on the Fess Parker home ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley. It is 100% barrel fermented & aged for 8 months in 100% French oak, of which 25% was new.

The single vineyard and small lot releases enable them to deliver some of their finest expressions of Viognier by concentrating on specific vineyards, clonal selections, and/or techniques. The estate vineyard, named in memory of Fess' late son-in-law, was planted in 1989 to predominantly Rhone varietal types. The wines from this vineyard have consistently been some of the most expressive and highly acclaimed in their portfolio.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

Aromas of yellow peach, white nectarine, apricot, and citrus.

Palate:

This Viognier is marked by fruit forward peach, apricot, and honeydew flavors. The palate is full and voluptuous with subtle floral, mineral, and citrus notes, yet maintains beautiful balance due to bright acidity.

Pairing:

Viognier is a dry white wine that pairs well with a variety of foods. Viognier pairs well with mild curries, fish, seafood, smoked or glazed ham, pork chops, and grilled chicken.

Winery Website: [Fess Parker Wine Shop - Wines - California](#)



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