

Bougetz Cellars

2016 BOUGETZ CELLARS BELLE REVE YATES FAMILY VINEYARD VIOGNIER

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 Belle Reve Yates Family Vineyard Viognier is sourced from a single vineyard high on the top of Mount Veeder. Lying patiently above the fog line, the fruit from this vineyard tends to take a long time to mature. Because of this we can nurture a complex wine from the fruit. Showing classic stone fruit notes, blanketed in a bed of lavender. Plenty of juicy white pear on the palate creates an impression of sweetness, but a clean finish.

HARVEST NOTES

Heading into the fourth year of a prolonged drought, we had a warm, dry winter, which led to an early bud break in 2016. The growing season stayed ahead of normal through the entire season with no measurable rainfall until late October. The Belle Reve Viognier comes from two blocks in Yates Family Vineyard on the top of Mount Veeder. With no heat spikes and no rain, the fruit was able to hang, and mature, at a very natural pace. After a little green harvesting in late August, we harvested the fruit in the early morning of September 26th,



Harvest date: September 26th, 2016

- Appellation: Mt Veeder
- Brix at harvest: 27.0
- Fermentation: 67% neutral French Oak, 33% stainless steel
- Aging: 67% neutral French Oak, 33% stainless steel
- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.45
- TA: 6.40 g/L
- Bottled: April 2017
- Case production: 80 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$38



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