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Radford Dale Viognier

Distinctly Viognier on the nose, with striking apricot and peaches. The palate is at the same time rich in flavour while very mineral in nature. Flinty, leesy characteristics mingle seamlessly with the overt dried-fruit aromas - producing a wine with surprising length, fruit, weight, complexity and aromatic diversity. Drier, more mineral and nuanced than usual from the Cape, with definite hints of old-world-style Viognier. A wine for Condrieu fans rather than flabby new-world Viognier!

variety : Viognier | 100% Viognier
winery : The Winery of Good Hope
winemaker : Team Effort
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 2.2 g/l **pH :** 3.6 **ta :** 5.1 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : This is a single-vineyard Viognier from the property where we are located on the Helderberg Mountain in Stellenbosch, overlooking the ocean in a south/south-westerly direction.

The vineyard was planted in 1999 and is without a doubt one of the finest blocks on this property. The sub-soils are of decomposed granite, with a stony surface and an ideal orientation.

Yields are typically 35 hl/ha, although in 2007 they were lower due to a heat-wave - which hit us between the picking of the lower and upper parcels.

about the harvest: The grapes were all hand-picked from dawn into small lug-bins.