



INDIGO VINEYARD
BEECHWORTH, VICTORIA

2014 SECRET VILLAGE VIOGNIER
PRODUCTION 352 DOZEN

The Vineyard: The Indigo Vineyard is located 12km's from Beechworth in the foothills of the Victorian Alps. Wine has been produced in the area since 1950 when the Brown Bros vineyard was planted at Everton Hills. The Indigo Vineyard was planted in 1999. The vineyard site is at an elevation of 350 metres.

The Vintage: The 2014 season started with good winter rains leaving both our dams full to capacity for summer. On 18 October we suffered a significant frost which reduced yields significantly. January saw severe heat wave conditions with 9 consecutive days at or above 35 degrees, and 4 consecutive days above 40 with the maximum of 46.9 degrees on 16 January. These conditions brought on an early vintage. Our focus on vine health, applying biodynamic methods, compost application and nutrient monitoring has proven worthwhile as every variety held up well despite the relentless summer conditions. Also, Indigo had 90 million litres of water in our dam so liberal application of irrigation allowed us to pick high quality fruit.

Harvest: The grapes were handpicked on 25 February at 5.3 t per ha.

Winemaking: The juice was clarified and fermented with 86% in older French oak barriques and 14% in stainless steel tanks. Matured for another 8 months before bottling.

Our Thoughts: Viognier is native to the Rhone Valley and its key feature is its aromas. Apricot and peach characters feature. Using old oak gives texture to the palate. Lovely long mouthfeel without apricots taking over.

Food: Asian and spicy foods.

Release Date: September 2015 **Drink:** 2015 to 2020

Reviews: 94 Points James Halliday 2016 Wine Companion

Alcohol: 13.4%

Cellar Door: \$32 per bottle

Every vine nurtured by hand

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