

VIIGNIER

a) Flavours of Viognier

Viognier is a **white grape variety giving highly aromatic wines** with rich perfumes of flowers and fruits. It can remind you of honeysuckle, jasmine or primroses, apricots and peaches, musk and spice. It is a difficult grape to grow because of its low and unpredictable yields. Moreover, in order to get the exotic flavours of apricots and candied peel, spice and flowers, that characterized this wine, you have to pick at the right moment. **Viognier requires high attention while growing and during the winemaking process because of its fragility.** That is why Viognier wines are expensive to produce.

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Viognier is a **very old grape variety**. It was already known in the Roman era in the Rhône area of France. It is not widely planted. In fact, in the late 1960s its vineyards cover only 35 acres in France. In addition to the Rhône, some Viognier is grown in the Languedoc-Roussillon. Viognier is also grown in small but rapidly increasing quantities in the United States, especially California, and in cooler areas of Australia.

b) Premium Viognier regions



◆ **The Rhone, France.** Viognier is one of the finest but also rarest French white grape with less than 300 acres planted in the Northern Rhone. This is the only grape used for the appellations Condrieu and Chateau-Grillet fund in Northern Rhone.

🍷 Experience the [Delas Condrieu](#) to get a true test of Viognier.

Viognier is also sometimes used to add fragrance and to soften the Syrah in Côte Rotie.

◆ **California.** California is in loved with Viognier, because people were looking for an **alternative to Chardonnay**. However, despite a great success, it is not set to take over Chardonnay's success. Indeed, Viognier is more demanding about site, and less easy going in the winery.



Viognier Key Facts

Moderate climate: Soft and full-bodied texture, peach, pear, violet