

2013 Sole Chenin Blanc Viognier



Vineyard

Variety:	Chenin Blanc 60%, Viognier 40%
Region:	Khao Yai, Nakornratchasima, Thailand
Sub-region:	Asoke Valley
Altitude:	350 m. above sea level
Yearly Rainfall:	1,400mm
Soil:	Loam-clay with decomposed lime base

Winemaking

Skin contact:	3 hours
Alcoholic fermentation:	60% stainless steel, 40% French oak puncheon
Lees contact:	6 months on lees
Alcohol:	12.5 %/vol.
Total acidity:	5.7 g/L
Residual sugar:	1.3 g/L
pH:	3.58
Winemaker:	Nikki Lohitnavy

Winemaking and Tasting Notes:

Chenin Blanc is one of a few *vitis vinifera* that has best adapted to tropical soil, climate and the nature of the two cycles per annum. Our estate grown Chenin Blanc was carefully hand-picked at maximum ripeness from the outer part of the canopy where the bunches were let to ripen under the long cold winter sun, hence the name 'Sole'. The juice was vinified in stainless steel to preserve Chenin Blanc's unique aroma and freshness.

Viognier is unique in Thailand at GranMonte. Hand-harvested with its most intense flavors in the mornings of February at 23°Brix, the grapes were hand sorted before destemming and crushing. Vinified in French oak puncheons with six months of extended battonage adds to the complexity and the creaminess on the palate.

This blend between 60% Chenin Blanc and 40% Viognier is complex yet lively. The wine shows arrays of tropical fruits, grapefruit, pineapple and fresh lime juice. Minerals and yellow pears on the nose, mingle with Viognier's distinctively floral notes of honeysuckle and white pepper. It is well-balanced, round and elegant with creamy oak, dry with great acid backbone and soft lingering finish. This wine is pleasurable drinking on its own or with food. A great compliment to various Thai dishes such as pomelo salad, tom yum soup and coconut-based curries.

This blend of Chenin Blanc and Viognier is crafted to be enjoyed young and a few years of cellaring will reveal greater complexity. Drink now- 2018.

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