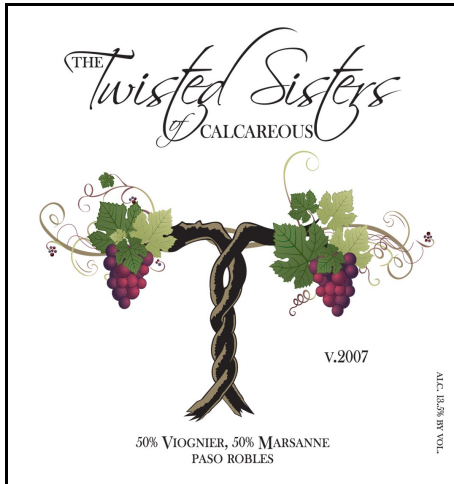


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Variety:

Twisted Sisters White Rhone Blend

50% Viognier and 50% Marsanne

Vintage: 2007
Appellation: Paso Robles
Production: 401 cases

Tasting Notes

Intriguing nose full of limes and spring blossom yet all framed with a hint of vanillin. Ruby grapefruit gracefully melds in the mouth with honeycomb and finishes with toasted almonds. Refreshingly bright acids lead to a lasting length of surprising complexity.

Growing Season

These Rhone varietals are really adapted well for dry years such as 2007. They are slow ripeners so get past any heat and retain their natural acidity well into the fall. The tough skins of the Marsanne are consequently packed with flavor while the more aromatic Viognier produces its signature mandarin skin aromas during fermentation.

Vineyards

The 2007 Twisted Sister Viognier Marsanne Blend was created from fruit off of two different calcareous rich vineyards in the Paso Robles AVA. From the cool Westside of Paso we sourced fruit from the ultra premium Kiler Canyon Vineyard , and further East the Melange du Rhone Vineyard, a boutique Paso vineyard specializing in Rhone varietals.

Winemaker Notes

This is truly an evolution in our thinking of our white Rhone blend. We have finally moved away from a mask of oak, instead emphasizing the flinty sophistication of the local calcareous soils. With this the blend has been further refined to just two varieties that respond exceptionally well to our fabled soils. The Viognier is the most delicate free run only. (The rest is cofermented with our Syrah). The resultant wine is an exceptional food wine. We have enjoyed it with lobster and a variety of white pasta dishes, but most often admiring the panoramic vistas at Calcareous. The neutral barrels used for a portion of our wines are carefully selected from artesian coopers, making barrels from the best forests within France, Eastern Europe and America. The whites were aged sur-lies for 10 months to add richness in the mid palate.

Technical Notes

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.25

TA: 7.80g