

# Carol Shelton

2023

## Wild Thing Viognier

Placer County

High up in the Sierra Nevada, in the California Gold Country town of Auburn, lies this gem of a vineyard of Viognier, planted and managed by the father and son team of John and Joe Damiano. When picked just a bit less ripe than many CA Viogniers, the fruit expresses lively citrus and gentle white flower aromatics, while barrel fermentation in mostly older French oak barrels leads to a wine of perfect structure and creamy-crispy balance.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Beautiful nose of white flowers (jasmine, gardenia and honeysuckle) mingled with pretty green tea, grapefruit and orange zest aromas, only a light kiss of creamy vanilla oak toast. Super crisp acidity without being puckery tart, just pinpoint balanced with trace of sweetness and creaminess from oak. Juicy, mouth-watering Honey-crisp apple and citrus, green peach fruit. Great structure to pair with lemon-butter shrimp or Thai food or even to drink solo.	
Harvest Date:	August 28 (Calera clone) & September 2 (Entav), 2023	
Average Brix at Harvest:	22.8°Brix---0.50 Total Acid /3.50 pH at harvest	
Fermentation Characteristics:	Destemmed to press and cold settled.	
Cellar Storage/Aging:	100% barrel fermented, stirred weekly sur lie for 5 mo. No Malo-lactic fermentation, so it is crisply finished.	
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Alcohol:	13.35%	Residual Sugar: 0.24% (dry)
Total Acidity:	0.62 gm/100ml	pH: 3.52
Varietal:	94% Viognier (50% each Calera and Entav clones) 6% Chardonnay	
Appellation :	75% Placer County, Damiano Vineyard 14% Paso Robles, 5% Santa Barbara County 6% Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma Co **All sustainably farmed	
Cases produced:	855 cases	
Bottling Date:	April 22, 2024	
Release Date:	April 26, 2024	



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