

WINE PROFILE

Appellation: Central Victoria

Varietal: 88% Marsanne 12% Viognier

Alcohol: 13%

Total Acidity: 6.3g/L

Residual Sugar: 4.5g/L

pH: 3.2

Bottled: December 2005

Release Date: January 2006

Best Consumed: 2006 - 2009



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BASILISK MARSANNE VIOGNIER 2004

“A mythical creature, the Basilisk is an intriguing blend of rooster and serpent. In alchemy, the name Basilisk also referred to the Philosopher’s Stone, a potent and mysterious catalyst, an elixir that was able to turn whatever it touched to gold, cure all ills and confer eternal life”...

HARVEST NOTES

Vintage 2004 was a cool and dry growing season with largely ideal ripening conditions. The ongoing drought helped produce grapes with intense, concentrated flavours, while the cooler conditions meant good levels of acidity in the grapes. Most of the fruit for this wine was harvested from the Goulburn Valley region in Central Victoria.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Basilisk, by McPherson, is a blend of Marsanne and Viognier, resulting in a fragrant and elegant white wine. This is an intriguing wine, with aromas and flavours of lifted apricots and citrus notes, a viscous mouthfeel and good length.

FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Basilisk Marsanne Viognier combines magically with food, particularly dishes with an Italian or an Asian flavour.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Fruit for the Basilisk Marsanne Viognier was harvested during the cool of night, to maintain fruit freshness, after which the juice was cold settled and cold fermented in stainless steel tanks. Yeast lees were naturally settled before cold stabilization and filtration of the wine occurred. Neither the Marsanne nor the Viognier were exposed to any oak during the production of this wine.

While lean and crisp and designed as a young wine style, the Basilisk Marsanne Viognier will take on honeyed characters and increased complexity as it ages.

AWARDS

Silver: 2005 Cowra Wine Show

Bronze: 2006 Royal Melbourne Wine Show

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