

# 2009 “Single Vineyard” Viognier Lake County

## ***History***

In 1861 Lake County was created from parts of Napa and Mendocino counties and has since been well known as a farming community.

In the 1870s vineyards were planted and by the early 1900s the area was already earning its reputation for producing “**World’s greatest wines**”. Prohibition forced an end to the Lake County wine production in 1920; most of the vineyards were removed and replaced with walnut and pear orchards.

The comeback of the wine industry began in the 1960s when a few growers rediscovered the area’s grape growing potential and once again began planting vineyards. Lake County now has more than 8,800 acres of planted vineyards, which is a significant increase from less than 100 acres they had planted in 1965. This area has also seen the recent establishment of several American Viticultural areas such as **High Valley** and Red Hills-Lake County. We are proud to say that Lake County contains many vineyards that support the California Wine Institute’s Code of Sustainable farming practices

## ***Winemaking Notes***

The grapes used to produce our 2009 Shannon Ridge Lake County Viognier were picked from our Morine Ranch block with steep south facing slopes which help create an elegant multi-layered wine with great complexity. A portion of the wine was barrel fermented in French oak to help add a rich mouth feel and creamy softness and balance.

## ***Tasting Notes***

**Color:** Clean, Straw like

**Aroma:** Star Fruit, Ripe Peach, Tropical

**Flavor:** Peach Pie, Cream soda, Citrus

**Texture:** Soft richness, Lush finish

## ***Technical Data***

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<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.3%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	.68
<b>pH:</b>	3.46
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	.50
<b>Composition/Blend:</b>	100% Viognier
<b>Appellation:</b>	Lake County
<b>Barrels:</b>	French oak
<b>Time in Barrels:</b>	5 months
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	1322

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**Suggested Retail:** \$24.00

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