



GIMBLETT GRAVELS MARSANNE VIOGNIER 2016

Marsanne and Viognier are the traditional white varieties found in the Rhone Valley of France. Viognier typically provides exotic aromatics of apricot, musk and jasmine and a slippery mouth-feel. Marsanne provides gentle honeysuckle flavours plus structure and tension to balance the obvious fruit of Viognier. The exotic and sensual nature of this wine makes it a great substitute for Chardonnay or Pinot Gris. The result is a versatile wine for food matching. Recommendations include various Asian-style dishes.

Raymond Chan Wine Reviews – August 2017

18+ / 20 ★★★★★

Even, very dark ruby-red colour with black hues and slight purple tints on a lighter edge. The nose is full, bright and vibrantly aromatic with ripe aromas of dark raspberry and blackberry fruit along with a subtle line of dark herbs, and nuances of earth and minerals at the core. The primary fruit prevails with fragrant whole berry fermentation notes adding to the lift. Medium-full bodied, the palate is richly sweet and juicy with dark raspberry and blackberry flavours along with whole berry jam and aromatic notes alongside the primary fruitiness. Dark herb and earth detail emerges to add interest. The fruit is supported by balanced, grainy tannin extraction, and the sweet, succulent flavours carry with good grip to a sustained finish. This is a juicy, primary-fruited Tempranillo with dark raspberry and blackberry fruit, with lifted aromatic notes and subtle herb and earth detail on a structured palate with good grip. Serve with barbecued and roasted red meats over the next 5-6 years.

Sam Kim, Wine Orbit – August 2017

94 / 100 ★★★★★

A delectable blend of two classic Rhone grapes (about half and half), the beautifully perfumed bouquet shows apricot, jasmine, orange peel and yellow flower notes. It is impressively weighted and rounded on the palate, and displays excellent fruit power and purity, wonderfully framed by juicy acidity. The wine is expressive and generous, while remaining structured and perfectly balanced.