



**LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS**  
**Viognier 2009**  
**Small Cap Program**



This is our first release of Viognier, one of the new grape varieties that we are working with at our East Bench – Osoyoos vineyard. Viognier is a unique white varietal combining the weightiness on the palate of Chardonnay and the amazing floral aromatics of Gewurtz. We are excited to be working with this varietal from now on.

**Winemaking Notes:** As with any new varietal that we work with, we run a variety of trials to explore different treatments on the wine which we will fine tune in years to come. Using young fruit from 3<sup>rd</sup> leaf vines, the grapes were extremely ripe and almost raisiny when picked. We chose to whole cluster press and then after fermentation, put the wine into two different French oak barrel sizes, as well as some in stainless steel to ultimately blend.

The distinctive Viognier nose of orange blossom and tree ripened apricots is bodacious on the palate with luscious mouthfeel. Clean lively flavours of rich peach and mango end with a long finish with a touch of orange zest. A very pretty wine!

**Vintage Notes:** The 2009 vintage was the shortest growing season we've ever worked within. Budbreak was delayed by an exceptionally cool spring and an early frost on October 12<sup>th</sup> compressing the season by a full 4 weeks. Fortunately, solid summer heat and a remarkably warm September actually created a ripening cycle that was faster than we've ever experienced creating a challenge for many winemaker's to balance the high Brix with the falling acids. Fortunately we managed to pick at optimal measures by renting extra tanks and thus got our fruit off the vine before the killing frost.

**Harvest Date:** October 1, 2009  
**Release Date:** May 2010

**Varietal:** 100% Viognier

**Aging:** 4 months in used French oak barrels blended with stainless

**Cases Produced:** 150 cases  
**Price:** \$26.00

**Alcohol:** 14.6%  
**CPSC:** +123661

**Availability:** This Viognier is offered through our Small Caps Program. Maximum 12 bottle order.

**\*\*\* 91 Points – John Schreiner** - This is a powerful wine. The tropical aromas just surge from the glass...