

2020 CLOS DE STE. ANNE LES ARBRES VIOGNIER



Clos de Ste. Anne is Milton Vineyard's "Grand Cru" and is dedicated to Annie Milton, whose family farmed this land for five generations. The wines from this site reflect the unique terroir. This vineyard location makes it the first vineyard in the world to see the light of a new day.

Appellation: Gisborne, New Zealand

Vineyard:

Clos de Ste. Anne is on steep northeast facing slopes; soil is loam with volcanic ash and pumice over calcareous sedimentary rock.

Vintner Notes:

In order to enhance the ripe warming phenolic structure of this wine we 'crunch' the whole clusters of grapes, together with the stems, and press over an extended period. This allows the wine to sit in the far corner of your mouth and stimulate a sense of deliciousness to the palate. Warm, wild fermentation in 600L demi-muid barrels, together with complete malolactic fermentation and 'sur lie' ageing, gives the wine a sense of warmth.

Composition: 100% Viognier

Harvest dates: 10 March 2020

Total acidity: 4.5 g/L

pH: 3.91

Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/L (dry)

Alcohol: 14%

Bottled: 5 August 2021

Tasting Note:

This vintage has the saline structure of sake with a spectrum of aromas of caramel, baked pears, apple tart, warm leather, a hint of fennel, licorice and aniseed. The texture gives warmth to these aromas like a satin sheet. It is cozy and relaxed, walking on a crunchy shingle pathway through a flower garden on a summers' afternoon, it dances across the palate leaving an umami saline sensation of deliciousness.