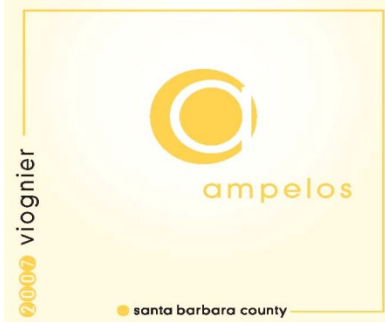


# viognier



## 2007 viognier – santa barbara county

**harvest:** the 2007 harvest kicked off with an early morning pick of viognier at the cuatro vientos vineyard. later that morning we pulled in fruit from Jack McGinley vineyard. though we would have liked more fruit, crop levels were low so in total we picked a little over 2 tons from both vineyards. the grapes were gently pressed in a bladder press and the juice went immediately into stainless steel barrels for a long, slow and cold fermentation. on october 16 we picked the one row of viognier in our ampelos vineyard for a total of 1100 pounds. The fruit was pressed like the earlier grapes and racked into separate stainless barrels for fermentation **24 brix, 3.83 pH**

**aging:** our philosophy with white and rosé wines is to keep the flavors of the fruit pure and not to mask them with oak. when primary fermentation was complete we racked the wine (keeping the estate fruit separate for the time being) and added SO<sub>2</sub> to prevent malolactic fermentation from starting, this keeps the minerality of the viognier intact as well as the crispness on the nose and palate. in december we blended the estate fruit with the cuatro vientos and mcginley to produce what would be our final blend. the wine was then cold stabilized for a month to remove tartrates followed by sterile filtering and lastly, bottling.

**tasting notes:** with the color of sand from a tropical beach and a nose of jasmine, lemongrass and crystallized ginger, this viognier is sure to please. balanced acidity and gravel-like minerality give way to a mouth bursting of juicy white peach and grandma's lemon meringue pie. cool, crisp and ready to be paired with your favorite spicy foods.

**production:** 170 cases produced – bottled March 4, 2008

**what is this greek thing?** rebecca and peter love greece. they were married there and visit every year! ampelos is the greek word for the vine – this is where it all begins. each of our estate wines will be given a greek letter as a name to truly represent what each wine represents.