

Millton Clos Ste Anne Les Arbres Viognoier 2015

The Story

James & Annie Millton established Millton Vineyards & Winery in 1984. Their four individual dry farmed vineyards are situated on the East Coast of New Zealand in the wine appellation of Gisborne. A small artisan winegrower, Millton was the first producer in New Zealand to gain Bio-Gro certification for organic wine production in 1989. Having practiced traditional methods of cultivation and production centred on biodynamic principles since inception, Millton were the first winegrowers in the Southern Hemisphere to gain the biodynamic certification Demeter in 2009. This involves growing the grapes without the use of herbicide, insecticide, systemic fungicides or soluble fertilisers, as well as adherence to the rhythms of nature; the earth, sun, moon and beyond.

The Vineyard

The Clos de Ste. Anne estate has been developed around the original Naboth's Vineyard, where Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were initially planted in 1980. The 30-acre property now includes vineyards, forest, amenity trees, livestock and olive plantations and has been farmed using biodynamic techniques since 1989. In 2001, additional plantings of Pinot Noir were complimented with selections of Viognier, Syrah and Chenin Blanc.

Winemaking

Fruit from the 'Les Arbres' section, whole bunch 'crushed' and indigenous yeast fermented in 600 L demi-muid barrels to 14.0% alc. and 4.0 g/L RS, the wine aged 11 months on lees in seasoned oak with 100% MLF. Certified BioGro organic and certified Demeter biodynamic.

Tasting Note

Raymond Chan:

"Bright, even, straw-yellow colour with lemon-gold hues, pale on the rim. The nose is refreshingly poised and youthful, with pure, bright and fragrant aromas of exotic yellow florals and a fine, tight amalgam of citrus zest, stonefruits and nuances of apricot. The nose intensifies in the glass, revealing saline hints and mouthwatering wet-stone minerals. Dry to taste, the palate has freshness and vitality with piquant aromatic fruit flavours of citrus fruit and zest, yellow stonefruits and exotic florals. The fruit is expressed with purity and clarity and is carried along a driven line and some underlying alcoholic power and fresh, lacy acidity. This has a subtle unctuousness and the wine flows smoothly to a long finish of citrus zest and florals. This is a beautifully vibrant and poised Viognier with clarity and purity of fruit expression, with underlying power, richness and linearity."



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Alcohol Percentage	14%
Residual Sugar	4.0 g/L
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Aging Potential	5 -10 years



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