



# J O R I A N H I L L

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## DAILY GRAPE



**“Episode #21** Back in New York Tasting Some High-end Domestic Wines: After a long stretch on the road, Gary Vaynerchuk finally returns home to taste some high-end, buzzworthy wines from California and Washington State.”

### 2007 Jorian Hill Viognier

“This is on a seven-and-a-half-acre estate vineyard. Jorian Hill is a very small producer in the Santa Ynez Valley. Estate grown, so you know when you see that on a wine, you know that it is going to be consistent year in and year out because they’re controlling it. When a wine has its vineyard, you have a much better chance of building a pedigree and a relationship with that vineyard. Estate grown – I like that part about this wine.

Tasting Notes: Right off the top, this is delivering what I most love about Viognier. Aromatically, it’s just explosive, with beautiful white flowers. Imagine taking lemons, sticking them in real honey, and then putting it in a microwave, like this honey-lemon reduction sauce that you pour on top of some lamb chops. I’m getting a little bit of that coming through, and a little smokiness, and just really interesting aromatics. It has big aromatics coming through – tangy, zingy...Smells great, a little plastic at the tail end too. Let’s give it a whirl.

After tasting a lot of everyday wine, it’s fun to climb the ladder of quality. Great balance on this wine, beautiful acidic structure with this gorgeous length of almost apple meets pear, meets lemon, meets honey, and just really great length. Really interesting 14.2 alcohol, but I can’t feel it, as the acidity is perfect on this wine. Great structure and long length and the flavor profile is not that buttery, oaky over-the-top thing typically made in California. And it is not that minerally, trivial stuff you get from Chablis.

This Jorian Hill on the show steps up to the pressure. I like it a lot. Let’s score it at 92+ points. And for \$30 one of the more interesting wines, this, my friends you should add to your wish list. Good job.”

## 92+ Points

-Gary Vaynerchuk  
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