



# J O R I A N H I L L

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### 2007 Jorian Hill Viognier



“The Jorian Hill production is small, under 1,000 cases per year. All the grape utilized in their winemaking come only from their estate vineyard; no other outside grapes are used, so when you taste their wines, you can really get a sense of place here: exactly what very specific kind of wine this small, secluded vineyard can produce.”

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“Lemon zest, honeysuckle and a flinty minerality are part of the lively aromatics of this 100 percent viognier, from the highly prized Alban Field Select clone of the grape. It gives an immediate impression on the palate as a lean, clean and bright white wine that’s more about structure, form and process than just a ball of fruit-forward flavors. Yes, the flavors are there and they are bright and sunny, with lemon leading the way as well as ripe yellow pear and just a whisper of grapefruit tanginess. With swirling in the glass, an essence of white florals, like gardenia, add to the aromatics while clover honey and yellow peach add to the flavor spectrum. But the great thing is that none of the flavors stick out like a sore thumb; they coalesce to form a unified flavor front. The crisp acidity on the upbeat finish is also really key to making great viognier; in this case, the tension between the fruit concentration and acidity is perfect. This is a wine that makes you call out for food .”

- Dennis Schaefer  
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