

SPRING VALLEY

V I N E Y A R D

2016 Viognier *Walla Walla Valley*

A FAMILY TRADITION

Following the tradition of Uriah, Katherine, Frederick, and Nina Lee Corkrum, Shari Corkrum Derby and her husband Dean Derby continue to operate the wheat fields, vineyard and winery. The hard work, traditional values and deep family ties that have kept the ranch going for over 100 years are mirrored in Spring Valley Vineyard's signature offerings.

THE VINEYARD

Spring Valley Vineyard lies twelve miles northeast of Walla Walla, amid the picturesque wheat fields of southeastern Washington, with the Blue Mountains providing the backdrop. The initial block of Merlot was planted in 1993 on a south-southwest facing hillside. The vines follow the north-south slope of the hills in vertical rows, an orientation that, combined with the declination of the slope, allows the vines to take optimal advantage of air drainage, sunshine and the reflective nature of the surrounding wheat fields.

Great care is taken when caring for the vineyard. Every grape cluster is tended by hand, including crop thinning, leaf pulling and harvesting, as well as hand-burying of individual canes to protect them during the winter in southeastern Washington.

VINTAGE

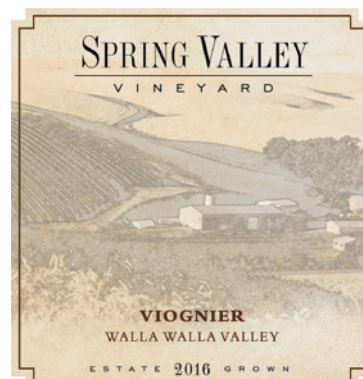
The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer. A cooler than normal end of the ripening season allowed the wines to have ripeness, yet maintain freshness and elegance. The early dry and warm spring, combined with cooler temperatures in August and September, slowed down ripening and resulted in the longest harvest on record in Washington State (August 15-November 15). Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with nicely resolved tannins and maturity.

WINEMAKING

Spring Valley Vineyard fruit is hand-picked, hand-sorted and gently de-stemmed by gravity. This 100% Viognier comes from our Cap Vineyard. Harvested on September 27, it was gently pressed and fermented into neutral French oak with native yeast for 6 months. It was bottled early spring 2017.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"Our Viognier has aromas of pear, candied orange peel and flowers with flavors of honey and lemon zest." ~ Winemaker Serge Laville



TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND:

100% Viognier

TA: 0.58 g / 100 ml

pH: 3.72

Alcohol: 13.9%

AGING:

6 months in neutral

French oak

APPELLATION:

Walla Walla Valley

VINEYARD:

100% Spring Valley Vineyard

Estate Bottled