

The West Australian



Here's How it's done!

Quality: 5 Stars

Value : 5 Stars

Availability: 2 Stars

21st April 2007

You might have noticed the rising number of shiraz viogniers appearing on wine lists and shop shelves. You might think it's new. Well you're right to a point - new to Australia but the use of the white wine grape viognier with shiraz has been used in France's Rhone region for years. The problem in Australia is that once some winemakers were given the opportunity to play with this new toy many have been heavy-handed to the point where the viognier which acts almost like a perfume concentrate, overpowers the essential attractiveness of the shiraz.

In this case West Cape Howe have got it just right. This is a beauty. Powerful, ripe and opulent shiraz forms the basis of this immensely powerful yet supremely poised and stylish wine. The understated viognier adds just a little to the aroma while the opulent shiraz kicks on the palate. The oak contribution is neatly weighted and the overall palate is distinctly delicious. Would handle five or so years in the cellar if you wanted.

Ray Jordan



"This is a beauty.....the understated viognier adds just a little to the aroma while the opulent shiraz kicks on the palate."

Ray Jordan



“This is a beauty.....the understated viognier adds just a little to the aroma while the opulent shiraz kicks on the palate.”

Ray Jordan