

2012 Venus Roussanne/Viognier

Donelan, Sonoma County, USA

Product details

Vintage:	2012	Drinking:	2017
Producer:	Donelan	Alcohol:	
Region:	Sonoma County	Variety:	
Country:	USA		

Tasting notes

The last of the family's grapes to be harvested, usually in mid-October, this site in Bennet Valley is cool and foggy and pushes the boundaries of ripening, giving fruit with delicate flavours and low alcohol. The blend is 97% Roussanne, with just a touch of Viognier for complexity, given a little skin contact and 10 months in neutral oak with slight lees stirring to avoid any excess richness. Tasted in the office this put me in mind of a fine St Joseph Blanc with its restrained orchard fruit and floral nose, peachy freshness and beautifully measured viscous texture.

About the producer

