

WINES OF THE MONTH
ARTISAN SERIES



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Mount Aukum Winery
2004 Viognier

The grapes for the 2004 Viognier were harvested from the Michael Thoma Vineyard in Fair Play at an elevation of 2,700 feet. Lean and crisp, this is a white just right for warm summer evenings. The winemaker is Lance Campbell.

Lance Campbell's Notes

The grapes for this wine were harvested from the Michael Thoma Vineyard in Fair Play at an elevation of 2,700 feet. The vineyard climbs an east-facing slope, which gets sun only in the first half of the day, so the fruit ripens slowly and maintains its acidity. Soils are primarily white, decomposed granite that radiate flavors into the glass with mineral, wet stone, or slate qualities. The wine also shows typical Viognier aromas and flavors of apricot, honeysuckle, and traces of peach. (alcohol 14.7%, pH 3.5, total acidity 8.0)

Anna Maria's Notes

This is a lean, European style white perfectly suited to summer meals, both appetizers on the deck or light main courses inside. Although the alcohol is up for a white wine at 14.7%, the overall impression is a crisp, light wine, a reflection of the altitude, granite soils, and east-facing slope of the vineyard.

Mount Aukum Winery
2002 El Dorado Syrah

This wine is 97% Syrah and 3% Viognier from the Madrona Family Vineyard at an elevation of 2,900 feet. Earthy, spicy, floral flavors and pepper on the finish, distinguish the wine, which was made by Lance Campbell.

Lance Campbell's Notes

The fruit for the 2002 El Dorado Syrah was harvested from the Madrona Family Vineyard, another ridge-top vineyard at 2,900 feet above sea level. We blended a small amount of Viognier into the wine, just 3%, because the enzymes in white Viognier actually enhance the red color of Syrah and also add aromas and fruity flavors, a common practice in France. The wine has earthy, spicy, floral flavors with pepper on the finish, which is common to Syrah grown in France but can be illusive here in California. (alcohol 15.1%, pH 3.8, total acidity 5.8)

Anna Maria's Notes

This is a fine summer red. The wine is flavorful without being overbearing and will complement the foods from your outdoor grill, such as skewered meats and grilled vegetables along with lighter, tasty summer favorites prepared indoors, such as stuffed tomatoes, fresh tomato sauces, and dishes with eggplant or bell peppers.

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Mount Aukum Winery
2003 Fair Play Petite Sirah

This wine is 100% Petite Sirah, 75% from the Sierra Moon Vineyard at an elevation of 2,500 feet and 25% from Indian Hill vineyard at the base of Mount Aukum. Layered with dust and dark fruit, the wine was made by Lance Campbell.

Lance Campbell's Notes

Our 2003 Petite Sirah is a blend of Petite Sirah grapes from two different vineyards, the Sierra Moon Vineyard at a 2,500-foot elevation and the Indian Hill Vineyard at the base of Mount Aukum. Petite Sirah is the flagship grape for the Fair Play appellation and one of the most planted. The wine is layered with dust and dark fruit and has the texture and balance that will allow it to age. (alcohol

14.3%, pH 3.68, total acidity 6.3)

Anna Maria's Notes

The old timers blended a bit of Petite Sirah with Zinfandel because its inky color enhanced rusty-colored Zinfandel. But the grape is gaining a growing number of followers, who appreciate it for its own merits. It's deep color, dark berry flavors, and ability to age easily qualify it to stand alone.

Mount Aukum Winery
2003 Fair Play Syrah

This wine is 100% Syrah from two different vineyards, 85% from the Michael Thoma Vineyard and 15% from the Sierra Moon Vineyard. The wine shows the heights that Syrah can attain in the Sierra Foothills. Lance Campbell is the winemaker.

Lance Campbell's Notes

Our 2003 Syrah is a blend of Syrah grapes from two different vineyards, 85% from the Michael Thoma Vineyard and 15% from the Sierra Moon Vineyard. This wine shows the heights that Syrah can attain in the Sierra Foothills and especially in the Fair Play appellation. Our soils and altitudes are much like the Rhone region in France and encourage the same winegrape varieties. The 2003 Syrah is easy drinking with fruit flavors typical of the variety, but the wine also has a mineral quality that supports food, refresh-



ing the palate. (alcohol 14.7%, pH 3.62, total acidity 6.5)

Anna Maria's Notes

With some of the highest altitude vineyards in the Sierra Foothills and in California, the Fair Play appellation is producing distinctively different wines. Even at higher alcohol levels, wines like this one have a lean, mineral quality and offer a taste change from soft, fruit driven wines. Vineyards here are young, many less than ten years old, and as time passes, they will continue to develop their promise of excellence.

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