



**2005 RIPKEN VINEYARD
LATE HARVEST VIOGNIER**
100% Viognier

Appellation: Lodi

Production: 369 cases

Alcohol: 8%

Retail: \$24 / 375mL

Tasting Notes – Honey with a hint of beeswax initially greets you. A touch of noble rot intensifies the fruit characteristics: peaches, apricots and cinnamon baked apples. A decadently rich, yet light nectar.

Pair With – Perfect as an aperitif or with foie gras. Also try with a strawberry rhubarb tart, fresh raspberries or apple pie. Drink now to 10 years.

“The easterly breezes travelling towards Lodi pick up moisture from the delta, which creates perfect conditions for the grapes to develop botrytis. This mold extracts the water content from the fruit until what is left is shriveled, fuzzy raisins. These ugly remains are transformed into a richly opulent nectar that makes you feel simply regal.” – Jeff Cohn