

WHITE · VIOGNIER & MARSANNE

Viñedo Aureo 2024

Golden, crystalline and precise.

Viognier and Marsanne, hand picked from estate vines on the windy northern edge of the property. The Viognier was left slightly overripe for the body and aromatics of a mature Viognier, while the Marsanne was picked early to keep its freshness. The second commercial vintage reflects everything the estate learned from the first.

WINEMAKER SANTIAGO LÓPEZ

BLEND	STYLE	ALCOHOL	PRODUCTION	SULFITES	DRINK
Viognier	White	12.5%	350 cases	35 ppm	Upon release
50% · Marsanne 50%	70% steel, 30% acacia	by volume	4,200 bottles	at bottling	& up to 5 years

ATTRIBUTES

- LI Low Intervention
- PO Practicing Organic
- SO Sustainably Operated
- VG Vegan

The Vineyard

Estate vines on the northern edge of the property, where the ravine is thinner and the wind is stronger. Hand harvested and drip irrigated.

Site	Francisco Zarco
Elevation	1,200 ft
Soil	Sandy alluvial, decomposed granite
Vines	5 years · 2.5 acres
Farming	Organic, sustainable

In the Cellar

Fermented in stainless steel. Seventy percent aged in stainless steel and thirty percent in acacia oak for three months.

Harvest	August 26, by hand
Fermentation	Selected yeast, stainless
Aging	70% steel, 30% acacia, 3 mo
Filtration	0.85 microns

A Name with a Story

Viñedo Aureo means “golden vineyard,” a nod to the quality of the wine and to the fact that it will keep getting better as it ages.

A cold winter with an average 10 inches of rain, then a mild spring and summer, pushed harvest about two weeks later than expected.

SOLAR FORTÚN

Solar Fortún is family owned and run by the López family. Santiago, the founder and winemaker, is the son of two physics professors in Ensenada, and the estate was conceived with scientific precision: every detail deliberate, nothing left to chance.

The winery runs with near-total sustainability, with harvest and most vineyard work done by hand. The name nods to Francisco Zarco, the 19th-century journalist who wrote as “Fortún,” and to “solar,” a sun-drenched rural plot.

2007 VINES PLANTED	18.5 ACRES
9 WINES	3,000 CASES TOTAL