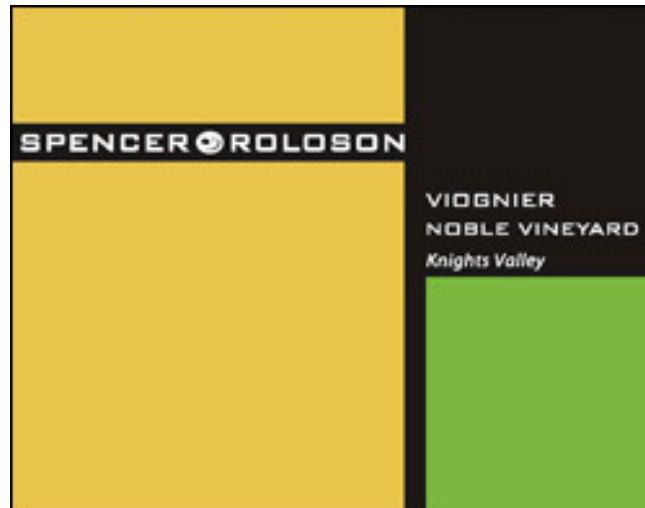




**SPENCER ROLOSON**

*Provocative Wine, Evocative Dirt*



## **2006 SPENCER ROLOSON VIOGNIER, KNIGHTS VALLEY**

**Vineyard:** Knights Valley is just a few miles to the north of Calistoga in Sonoma County. The Noble vineyard is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Viognier vineyard in California. It was planted with French cuttings in the 1970's. The Noble vineyard is planted at the foot of the Mayacamas Mountains. It faces eastward, looking across to Mount St. Helena and the Vaca range. Its orientation favors the morning light and ensures cool evenings for ideal ripening. The upper block is dramatically terraced with a sweeping view of the valley floor below. The steep hillside is underpinned by volcanic bedrock; at its foot is an alluvial fan filled with rocky debris and cobble. The combination of soils and exposure make this a particularly special site for Viognier.

**Winemaking:** The 2005 Viognier is barrel-fermented and aged in a combination of one year old Condrieu barrels and new Tonnellerie Ermitage barrels. The yield for this mature vineyard is very low at 1.5-2 tons/acre.

**Tasting notes:** Rich and intense, tangerine and pineapple fruit integrate with classic flavors of beeswax, apricot and the exotic floral, anise, and bee pollen aromas. A bright beam of acidity elevates the finish, supporting the rich minerality of this wine.

**Technical Information:**

Blend-Clone Selection: Condrieu Selections 100% Viognier

Harvest Dates: September 10<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>

Vineyard Size: 4 acres

Alcohol: 14.5%

Barrel Regime: Barrel fermented aged sur lie for 8 months.

