



ALAN McCORKINDALE

2009 Viognier

'Single Vineyard' Viognier harvested from the ancient limestone slopes of the 'Cabal' vineyard in New Zealand's Waipara Valley. This low yielding vineyard is located in the lee of the Teviotdale hills on ancient clay soils marbled with fractured limestone. 2009 was a classic year for the Waipara Valley, with low crops and a long 'indian summer'.

Hand harvested grapes were gently whole bunch pressed in a traditional wooden basket press, then fermented in French oak barrels with solids and 'wild' yeasts. A classic Viognier, this wine has flavours of fresh white peaches, musk, orange oil and melon, with hints of pear and exotic spices. The palate is dry, with soft acid and ethereal, lingering fruit intensity. Bottle age and traditional winemaking methods have created layers of texture and complexity.