



## IPO WINES

**COUNTRY**  
USA

**REGION**  
California

**APPELLATION**  
San Luis Obispo County

**SOIL TYPE**  
Loamy

**VARIETAL(S)**  
100% Viognier

**FARMING**  
Traditional

**WINEMAKER**  
John Alban

# 2021 Alban Estate Viognier

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### ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Starting in 1985, John Alban planted grapes for other people until he bought an estate in 1989. Alban Vineyards' is the first American winery and vineyard established exclusively for Rhone Varieties. Alban came to be a pioneer of the Rhone Rangers movement, and is considered one of the most influential American Rhone producers. Robert Parker's declared in The Wine Advocate that John Alban is "...the spiritual and qualitative leader of the movement..."

On beginning to grow Viognier, Alban stated "I almost single-handedly doubled the world's acreage," referring to a time when its cultivation was reduced to 50 acres (20 ha) in two areas of the Rhône Valley, Condrieu and Château-Grillet. Alban's work, along with that of Josh Jensen of Calera Wine Company in San Benito County, helped to significantly expand plantings of Viognier in California at a time when the varietal was near extinction.

### WINE NOTES

Our Estate Viognier is barrel fermented with native yeasts and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. It shows the body and length of the variety along with the mineral and apricot notes that it can achieve.

94-97 points, "Scheduled to be bottled in August, the 2021 Viognier Estate will be another beautiful example of Viognier. Ripe tangerines, quince, flowers, and a kiss of honeyed minerality all define the bouquet, and it's as pure and seamless as they come, with medium to full body, integrated acidity, and a great finish. It's slightly more chiseled and focused compared to the 2020, but both are brilliant." - Jeb Dunnuck

