

Robert Young Vineyard, located in the heart of Alexander Valley have been farmed since 1858. Six generations have worked their gravelly, loamy soils.

A vibrant medium gold in color, with explosive aromatics of dried peaches, ripe apricots, and tangerines (like Cuties) and just a kiss of creamy vanilla. A totally off-the-charts front palate that carries through to an absolutely stunning mid-palate and long finish, whose flavors are a total reflection of its aromas.

The fruit is hand-picked then cold-soaked. I gently footstomp the fruit of which 100% is whole cluster, the rest is whole berry and de-stemmed. None is crushed. The wine goes through open-top, then 100% Malolactic fermentation and aged 11 months in 50% new French oak barrels.

2022 Trials & Tribulations Robert Young Vineyard

Alexander Valley

100% Late Harvest Viognier

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Revealing a nice spice to balance its confected aromas of orange marmalade, dried apricot, and white pepper, it's medium-bodied on the palate and fully sweet but not cloying. It has all the components of fantastic Moscato, but amplified and obviously a still wine. It's drinking beautifully now, but don't be in a rush to crack into.

In the Cohn Zone: drink now - 2045.

