

**Cass Vineyard & Winery****2006 Viognier, Estate Grown
(Paso Robles)**

One of Paso Robles most energetic newer wineries, **Cass Vineyard and Winery** has everything going for it: a spacious tasting room, ample outdoor seating, a café that serves special dishes to complement the wines and, not least important, a very decent wine selection. The scenery is also quite fetching, and if you are equinely inclined, you may take a tour of the estate vineyards on horseback: preferably before you've tasted through the lineup at the tasting bar.

Not to be missed is this Viognier, a fine example of a warm climate edition of this varietal. In the glass, it's bright and light, very pretty and displays none of the telltale golden hues that bespeak a flabby overripe blob. Thankfully, it was fermented and aged entirely in stainless: Viognier needs no wood. The aromas are peachy, floral and inviting: the flavors run from nectarines and apricots to ripe pears, with pineapple and tropical notes on the finish. An ideal summertime wine for sipping out under a massive oak tree while toasting the warm, but not hot, summer sun.

Reviewed August 29, 2007 by [Laura Ness](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Cass Vineyard & Winery](#)

Vineyard: Estate Grown

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Viognier

Appellation: [Paso Robles](#)

Grape: [Viognier](#)

Price: \$24.00

THE REVIEWER**Laura Ness**

A wine writer and wine judge for major publications and competitions around the country, Laura Ness likens wine to the experience of music. She is always looking for that ubiquitous marriage of rhythm, melody, and flawless execution. What is good music? You

know it when you get lost in it. What is good wine? It is music in your mouth.