

**Hanover Park Vineyard****2006 Viognier  
(Yadkin Valley)**

One of North Carolina's smallest wineries, Hanover Park produces some of the region's more interesting wines. Situated on the outskirts of Winston-Salem, Amy and Michael Helton planted their first vineyard of four acres in 1997. We all know how romantic the South of France can be. The Heltons honeymooned there and became enamored of wine and winegrowing. Back home, they built a small winery in 1990 at Yadkinville, near Winston-Salem, and produced 375 cases of wine their first year. Increasing production each year, Hanover Park now produces about 3000 cases, including Chardonnay, several red blends and a delicious sweet blueberry

dessert wine.

The grapes for the 2006 Viognier were grown in the northern region of Yadkin near Pilot Mountain. Dry, crisp, fragrant with scents of honeysuckle and citrus blossom, this is one of Carolina's most appealing Viogniers and an excellent demonstration of how amenable the mid-Atlantic region can be for this variety.

Reviewed July 25, 2007 by [Barbara Ensrud](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Hanover Park Vineyard](#)

**Vintage:** 2006

**Wine:** Viognier

**Appellation:** [Yadkin Valley](#)

**Grape:** Viognier

**Price:** \$14.99

**THE REVIEWER****Barbara Ensrud**

Barbara Ensrud has been writing about and reviewing wines since 1979, with a nationally syndicated column for the *New York Daily News* and numerous other publications. Her "no numbers" approach to evaluating wine is simple: how does it taste – on its own, as well as with particular foods? Is it good value, whether \$10 or \$210? Does it measure up in terms of varietal character and regional identity? ...*"When I taste a good wine, I can't wait to share it with fellow wine lovers."*