

AKANA

2025 VIOGNIER

SPANISH SPRINGS VINEYARD

SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST

ABOUT AKANA

Winemaker, Aaron Jackson, grew up on the San Luis Obispo Coast, home to one of the most coastal AVAs in California. Akana is focused on expressing this region at its essence. Sourced from vineyards just miles from the Pacific, these sites experience constant wind, fog, and extended growing seasons that shape wines with structure, freshness, and precision. The name Akana, taken from Aaron's great grandmother's maiden name, reflects the personal connection behind this label and its long-term vision. These wines are driven by place above all else, with an emphasis on clarity, balance, and consistency from vintage to vintage.

ABOUT THE WINE

Grown on the cool, foggy edge of the SLO Coast just two miles from the ocean, this Viognier from Spanish Springs shows a completely different side of the varietal—more mineral and fresh than ripe, with bright acidity and a profile that leans closer to Sauvignon Blanc than the typical California style. Harvested at 22.8° Brix from the same 1.2-acre block we have farmed since 2012, the fruit is whole-cluster pressed and fermented slowly at cold temperatures (54–56°F) over five weeks to preserve freshness and aromatics. The wine is then aged for six months in a combination of 80% stainless steel and 20% neutral French oak, with no malolactic fermentation, before being gently filtered and bottled young to capture its energy and precision.

TASTING NOTES

Incredibly high toned and floral, but in a decidedly non-Viognier way, with aromas of lemongrass, buddha hand lemon, pomelo, barely ripe white nectarine, and white flowers. On the palate, it drinks much less like its Rhone roots and much more like Loire Valley, with a mineral-inflected profile that drives with bright acidity and aromatic lift. Underripe pineapple, lemon curd, grapefruit, and a coastal-driven saline note sings through the bright finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

HARVEST DATE: 10/1/25

ALCOHOL: 13.4%

PH: 3.18

TA: 6.9 g/L

ELEVAGE: 6 months in 80% stainless steel and 20% neutral French oak barrels

PRODUCTION: 221 cases



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