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Photograph of Rodney's Vineyard by Robert Brown, Winescapes Photography, as seen on the cover of the April 30th edition of Wine Spectator magazine



FESS PARKER

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Viognier Santa Barbara County 2006 | 90 | \$22 | 4,255 cases

Fragrant, juicy and intense, with dried pineapple, apricot and peach notes that are persistent through the long, generous finish.

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Since its founding in 1969 by Fess Parker – the actor best known for portraying Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone in the 1950s and '60s – Fess Parker winery has been churning out a consistently solid lineup of Santa Barbara Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah and Viognier from its 600 acres of vineyards. Sometimes the wines reach outstanding, like this charming, fragrant and juicy Viognier.

–M.W.



Actor-turned-vintner Fess Parker (seated), surrounded by his family members involved in the winery, has released one of California's best expressions of Viognier, from Santa Barbara.