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Sb/Viog/Sem/Gewurz

I'll give them the benefit of the doubt and say that they intended all along to blend these 4 varieties together, as opposed to sticking all the fruit from the vineyards they acquired in a vat and hoping for the best. It's a bit like forming a boy band with Robbie Williams, Meatloaf, Jonny Rotten and Charles Aznavour- and would you believe it- it works! (Perhaps their first single should be: 'Da-da, da, da...')

Whenever I see mention of Gewurz or Viognier in a blend I anticipate a wine of weight and fat (Meatloaf?!)- the first thing that strikes me about this is it's leanness in the mouth. Compelling intensity, but with enough reserve to save the Irish banks. There's a touch of toasty lime, a dollop of pawpaw, a blackcurrant leaf or two and an exotic spicy edge on the finish. This is a very fine drop indeed- you may get some of those flavours, you may not, but what you will get is a wine of beauty, intrigue and classy purity.

A glass of this with a plate of pan-fried scallops- count me in.

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