

# Skinner Vineyards & Winery

## Native Blanc

### THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Sierra Foothills

CEPAGE: 67% Viognier, 33% Vermentino

### THE STORY

Much like an unearthed vein of gold's illusive promise once hidden deep within the rock, the contemporary story of Skinner Vineyards and Winery began with a chance encounter that would ultimately reveal six generations of family legacy built on the dreams of a Scottish immigrant and miner during the California Gold Rush with a passion for winemaking in the rich foothills of El Dorado County.

**BIOGRAPHY:** Julien Fayard | Consultant Winemaker:  
With more than two decades of winemaking expertise known for producing California varietals with French finesse. Originally from France, Julien worked at Lafite Rothschild and Smith Haut Laffite before relocating to Napa Valley. He was Philippe Melka's director of winemaking for a few years before launching his own projects.

### THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Robust

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Expressive Florals

MOUTHFEEL: Refreshing Acidity

### THE SELLING POINTS

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Sustainable In Practice, Minimal Intervention / Augmentation, Natural Fermentation

**PAIRINGS:** Sheep and goat cheeses, tacos, Pad Thai

