

# 2014 CHARLES TYRAND LES ABEILLES

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## VIGNOBLES CHARLES TYRAND COTES DU RHONE, FRANCE



### THE WINE:

Made with 100% Viognier from a single vineyard of 60-year-old Viognier vines. The name *Les Abeilles* translates to the Bees in English because each year the fragrant, ripening Viognier fruit attracts swarms of local bees creating a pronounced buzzing sound throughout the vineyard. The wine is fermented and aged in stainless steel.

### THE ESTATE:

Charles Tyrand is a tiny producer with vineyards in the Cotes du Rhone and Cotes du Rhone Villages appellations. Located near the town of Seguret, they grow classic Southern Rhone red varietals of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cinsault and Carignan. The vines are grown without the use of pesticides and range in age from 10 to 80 years old. Total production is below 3,000 cases each year.

### TASTING NOTES:

**Color:** light, sunrise gold

**Aromas:** peach, honey, and wild herbs

**Flavor & Texture:** crisp nectarine, citrus, and mineral with a rich and round, yet it retains a clean finishing acidity

**Food Pairing:** citrus salad with mandarin wedges, grilled shrimp, slivered almonds, goat cheese, and cilantro

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