Stephen Tanzer's
INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR
March - April 2014

ERNESTO CATENA VINEYARDS

"(a blend of viognier, chardonnay and gewurztraminer; aged for six months in 80% new oak, mostly French): Pale straw-yellow. Aromas of ripe pear, stone fruits, white flowers, clove and vanillin oak. Nicely concentrated and delineated, with brisk acidity giving a firm edge to the flavors of lemon peel, flowers, licorice and lichee. Initially the wine's glyceral texture and almost tart acidity seemed to clash but this blend harmonized nicely in the glass. Finishes with a refreshing bitterness and very good grip and length. A lively, intriguing and distinctive white wine, but give it another year or so before pulling the cork."



89 (+?)
points

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