



India

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**Grover Vineyards
Bangalore**

The vineyards are on the lower slopes of the Nandi hills and were first planted by Kanwal and Kapil Grover in 1988 but the great leap forward happened in the 1990's when Michel Rolland got involved on a consultancy basis. Vines (*Vitis Vinifera*) were imported into the area from Europe with Viognier, Clairette and Sauvignon Blanc for the whites and Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon for the reds.

The wines can be found in top restaurants and hotels in India and have been exported to both the UK and France

White Wines

Viognier Clairette 2006 **89** **2007-10**
Tasted in Cochin March 2007

The nose is rich and powerful, packed with perfumed apricot and white peach, all very Viognier. Lots of fruit shows on the palate, the ripeness gives a fleshy feel, the mid acidity refreshes and brightens the flavours. There is depth of fruit towards the back with the Viognier peachiness being very dominant.

Red Wines

Cabernet Shiraz 2006 **90** **2007-11**
Tasted in Cochin March 2007

The black fruits override the red, lots of cassis and blackberry on both nose and palate. The palate is rich, the tannins are ripe, a supple, fleshy mouthful of fruit. Mid acidity adds freshness and cuts through the sweetness bringing out some red fruits, mulberry and raspberry and that adds an exciting complexity.

**Sula Vineyard
Nashik
Maharashtra State**

Red Wines

Sula Satori NV

87

Malbec Merlot

Tasted in Lincoln's Inn at the BYOB Dinner July 2018

Red fruits dominate the nose fresh the start of the palate spicy. Light in the middle it tends to lack heart mid substance and although fresh and bright at the back there is a hint of sweetness on the finish.

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