



**Name of Wine:** Caliberico Verdelho

**Producer:** Urbanite Cellars

**Region:** Lodi, California

**Vintage:** 2009

**Grape Variety:** blend of

**75% Verdelho** Mostly found on the Portuguese islands of Madeira and Pico in the Azores, a small amount is also grown in the Douro Valley and Dão regions of the Portuguese mainland. High quality but small plantings are also found in Australia as well as here in CA,  
**20% Viognier** Pretty rare in its native northern Rhone Valley in France, its popularity has grown in CA with over 300 acres planted to date. Produces full bodied aromatic wines with nuances of flower blossoms, apricot & peach and **5% Pinot Grigio**

### **Grape Source:**

**Vineyards:** The Verdelho is from Ron Silva's vineyards in Alta Mesa, Lodi and the Viognier and Pinot Grigio come from Vinos Unico's Amorosa Vineyards also in Lodi.

### **Vinification:**

**Maceration/Fermentation:** Fermented in 100% stainless steel tanks.

### **Other:**

**Alcohol Volume:** 12.2%   **Ratings:** 100 Points Vinos Unico Staff

### **Tasting Notes:**

Dry, crisp, and refreshing sum up this pretty wine. Beautiful tropical fruit notes and exotic citrus fruit such as kumquat give this white a unique feel which is very different than most California whites. Food friendly and unpretentious, enjoy with friends!

### **History:**

Based in San Francisco, Urbanite Cellars is the culmination of importer Luis Moya's lifelong dream. Born in Havana Cuba, Luis fled to the US in 1980, spending time in Miami before moving to New York where he began his career in wine. He worked at several landmark New York restaurants, including Windows on the World, before embarking on his import and wholesale career. In 2004 Luis moved to California with his family. His plan was to buy a vineyard and start a *bodega*, but the daunting financial realities of California winemaking soon interceded and Luis instead founded Vinos Unico Importers and Distributors. As Vinos Unico grew, Luis developed strong relationships with winemakers and grape growers throughout the state and it rekindled his passion to make his own wine. Urbanite Cellars' third release, Caliberico Verdelho, is made to be an everyday drinking food friendly white with lower alcohol.

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