

TASTING NOTES



2017 ESTATE TEMPRANILLO

Vintage Conditions

2017 vintage was set by a near perfect growing season with a long awaited wet winter with rainfall well above the long term average. With one of the wettest spring seasons on record, minimised the risk of frost damage. Cooler than average spring and summer temperatures ensured a long, slow growing season allowed intense flavour development and retention of natural grape acidity. Harvest was two weeks later than normal as a result of late January and early February rainfall.

Vineyard Selection

The Tempranillo vines were planted in 2003 on brown loam with heavy clay subsoil with a North-South orientation. The two different clones we planted have very different ripening times, generally being picked two weeks apart, each at optimal ripeness. For this vintage the fruit was picked on the 24th February and the 2nd March.

Winemaking

Picked early to retain pure fruit vibrancy, our two clones of Tempranillo are brought into the winery separately, destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters where daily pump-overs provide softer tannin extraction. Toward the conclusion of the primary fermentation the wine is drained and then pressed to barrel. This wine is very much in the Spanish 'crianza' style with shorter maturation in seasoned French and American oak barrels for 10 months. Careful barrel selection takes place before the wine is blended. The wine is neither fined nor filtered.

Tasting Evaluation

Colour: Deep purple with a blue-violet tint.

Aroma: Lifted fruit-driven bouquet of cherry, violets, blackberry, dried fig, combined with dried rose petals with underlying layer of bitter chocolate, vanilla, cinnamon with wafts of charcuterie and bay leaf.

Palate: Juicy red cherry and plum flavours with spicy/savoury cedar finish.

Mouth-coating, powdery chocolate tannins.

Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 100% Tempranillo

Region (GI): Barossa Valley, Estate grown

Winemaker: Jason Barrette

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.71

TA: 5.8g/L

Residual sugar: 0.4g/L

Bottled: 16 Feb 2018



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