

Tempranillo

2021

Beechworth VIC

Tasting Notes

— As expected of a red wine bottled after 6 months, the colour is deep red with purple hues. Aromas of pastille blue fruits and spice. A generous palate with cherry ripe flavours from start to finish. Low astringency, but the tannins are ripe giving great 'carry' and finish. An easy drinking wine to enjoy with friends or at a Sunday BBQ.

Winemakers Comments

Tempranillo is one of the mainstay varieties of the Iberian Peninsula. It shares the red wine duties (and they're often blended) with Grenache or Garnacha as it is called. Like all winemaking regions around the world, Spain and Portugal have a vibrant mix of young gung-ho artisan winemakers working alongside very traditional wine producing companies. The traditional style is matured in large Slovenian oak vats for many years before bottling, whereas the younger brigade strive for fruit freshness with the oak playing a supporting role. Some have adopted screw caps to maintain fruit clarity. The Brokenwood style is very much down this bright fruit path.

Sufficient winter rainfall in 2020 following on from the drought and fires of 2019, saw the vines off to a great bud burst. A near perfect early growing season saw the vines in good health and then 100mm of rain fell in late January/early February. Clear blue skies then came out for the next month, enabling perfect ripening conditions and pristine fruit.

Vinification

As this is only our seventh crop of Tempranillo, a lot of effort went into maintaining the bright fruit characters. Processing involved a short cold soak, then a 4 day fermentation with pumping over.

Oak maturation was in used French oak puncheons (500L) for just 6 months and then bottled.

Food

Pairs well with BBQ meats of any description.

Drink

Drinking well now but will improve with further bottle age.



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TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	13.8%
pH	3.58
Acidity	5.90g/L
Residual Sugar	0.48g/L
Closure	Screwcap
Availability	750ml
RRP	A\$36

