



Truchard Vineyards

2005 Tempranillo

- Vintage:** Near perfect conditions throughout the spring of 2005 resulted in excellent berry set and a very large crop. Mild summer temperatures gradually ripened the fruit, allowing for extremely long “hang time”. The 2005 vintage produced elegant wines, with intense aromas, rich flavors, and beautiful structure.
- Vineyard:** Tempranillo is the noble grape of Spain. It is the predominant varietal in the wines from the famous Rioja region, where it is sometimes blended with Garnacha (Grenache), Graciano, and Mazuelo (Carignan). In 1998 two acres of Tempranillo were planted on an isolated knoll in the southern part of the Truchard Estate Vineyard. The vines grow in volcanic soils and benefit from the cool Carneros temperatures. Tempranillo makes a unique, spicy wine, with deep purple color, lush texture, and firm acidity. It is a wonderful food wine.
- Harvest:** October 18 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.72 pH • 7.2 g/L TA
- Winemaking:** The fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into an open top fermenter with approximately 20% whole berries. The tank was inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast and punched down twice daily throughout the fermentation. The temperature peaked at 88° F. After 14 days of maceration, the lot was pressed and allowed to settle in tank before going to barrel. The wine was aged for 10 months in both French (85%) and American (15%) oak; 25% of these barrels were new. The wine was racked only one time before being bottled in August 2006. This wine is 100% Tempranillo. It is very approachable right now, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 7 - 10 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.1% alcohol • 3.85 pH • 6.3 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** A complex nose of ripe plum, cassis, and black cherry; accented with notes of tea, tobacco, and cedar. The mouth is smooth and rich, layered with flavors of red currants, rhubarb, and sweet vanilla. Chalky tannins focus the palate and provide a delicate finish of red fruit, mineral and spice.
- Release Date:** February 1, 2009
Cases Produced: 864 cases
Bottle Price: \$25.00