



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2017 TEMPRANILLO



Vintage: After 4 dry years, the 2017 harvest can be considered almost “normal”. Record winter rains finally provided some real drought relief; but bud-break still came about 1 week earlier than usual. Warm spring weather allowed for good berry set and a slightly below average crop. Hot summer and autumn temperatures quickly brought the fruit to maturity. The wines of 2017 are intense, but elegant with nice acidity and balance.

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 9 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.72 pH • 6.7 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 2018. This wine is 100% Tempranillo. It is approachable right now, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 10 - 12 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.84 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Complex aromas of ripe plum, cranberry, and cassis with notes of cedar and tobacco. The mouth is layered with flavors of red currants, black cherry, and sweet vanilla. Chalky tannins focus the palate and provide a delicate finish of red fruit, mineral and spice.

Release Date: July 6, 2021

Cases Produced: 194 cases

Bottle Price: \$35.00

