



2013 TEMPRANILLO
CHRISTIAN'S RESERVE

Tasting Notes

The wine is lush and balanced. A leathery nose with notes of cigar box and pepper balance the dense rich fruit that fills the mid-palate. Notes of blueberries and game smoked on apple-wood evolve in the mouth. This vintage has remarkably tame tannins and a gentle touch on the finish.

Vineyard

The Tempranillo grapes were grown at the Diamond Mine Vineyard site on our ranch. This site is named for the "Lake County Diamonds," small volcanic-made pieces of quartz that litter the ground and glimmer in the sunlight. The vineyard sits at 1,700 ft. elevation and is surrounded by an untouched landscape. It is naturally farmed meaning we use no pesticides and no herbicides. We also use a no-till approach to managing the vineyard floor with the goal of minimal input. Sheep graze in the vineyards helping us compost the permanent cover crop.

Winemaking

The berries were gently crushed prior to cold-soaking for four days at 60° F. The must fermented for 12 days with pump-overs twice a day. Following the alcoholic fermentation, the wine aged in 100% new French oak barrels for 24 months. Malolactic fermentation took place in the barrels.

Wine and Food Pairing

This wine pairs well with roasted root vegetables, as well as Six Sigma lamb and cured pork.

Technical Notes

Release Date	October 2016
Blend	100% Tempranillo
Appellation	100% Lake County, grown entirely at Six Sigma Ranch
Alcohol	14.5%
TA (g/100ml)	0.60
pH	3.94
Aging	24 months in new French oak
Production	273 cases