

2018 TEMPRANILLO CHRISTIAN'S RESERVE

Tasting Notes

Our 2018 Tempranillo is soft and luxurious. A nose of vanilla and blackberries lead into a palate of juicy dark berries, buttery oakiness, and earthy tones. The tannins are smooth and soft, and the finish is long and lingering.

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 un-touched landscape. We 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 fruit was hand-sorted before 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 was aged in French oak barrels, 40% new, for 24 months. Malolactic fermentation took place in the barrels. The wine was lightly filtered before bottling.

Wine and Food Pairing

Perfect companion to Six Sigma lamb or pork with roasted root vegetables. Try it with Six Sigma smoked meat or a juicy burger.

Technical Notes

Release Date	October 2021
Blend	100% Tempranillo
Appellation	100% Lake County, grown entirely at Six Sigma Ranch
Alcohol	14.2%
Aging	24 months in French oak barrels, 40% new
Production	600 cases