

# 2019 TEMPRANILLO CHRISTIAN'S RESERVE

## **Tasting Notes**

The Tempranillo Reserve 2019 vintage is light and smooth. A nose of cherry cola and baking spices leads into a palate with earthy tones, cherries and a hint of cinnamon. 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 18 months. Malolactic fermentation took place in the barrels. The wine was lightly filtered before bottling.

#### Wine and Food Pairing

Perfect companion to Six Sigma Ranch lamb with roasted root vegetables. Try it with smoked meat or a juicy Six Sigma Ranch burger – or goat cheese!

#### **Technical Notes**

Release Date	October 2022
Blend	100% Tempranillo
Appellation	100% Lake County, grown entirely at Six Sigma Ranch
Alcohol	14.2%
Aging	18 months in French oak barrels, 40% new
Production	300 cases