

2020 Tempranillo CHRISTIAN's RESERVE

Tasting Notes

Our 2020 Tempranillo is soft and fruity with a nose of dark berries and a hint of cedar and bittersweet chocolate. The palate integrates old-world earthy notes, and the finish is velvety with silky tannins.

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 feet elevation and is surrounded by an untouched 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 pork or 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 2023
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	720 cases

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