



# THE TERRACES

## 2016 Tempranillo Clarksburg

Varietal: 100% Tempranillo

Cases: 319

Alcohol: 13.4%

Bottled: May 12, 2017

Released: May 1, 2018

Suggested Retail: \$34.00

**Vineyard:** Scribbler Bend is located in the Clarksburg AVA in the Sacramento River Delta. Although day time temperatures tend to be slightly warmer than Napa Valley, Clarksburg experiences fog and cool breezes from San Francisco Bay keeping the area quite cool in the evenings, enabling production of numerous high quality grape varieties.

**Vintage:** The mild winter gave way to slightly early bud break, followed by a relatively steady and mild July and August. Thanks to a series of significantly warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness just in time for a condensed harvest season. With the Valleys first significant Fall rainstorm arriving on October 14, the harvest season wrapped up earlier than most.

**Production:** Hand picked and sorted prior to being removed from the stems, the Tempranillo went into small tanks as whole berries. After a long cold soak the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A mix of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved to 100% neutral French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation. Under careful watch and tending we bottled the Tempranillo after only 7 months to preserve the opulent fruit character.

**Tasting Notes:** Bright violet in color, with intense aromas of rich red cherry, cranberry, underripe peppercorn, and earthy herbaciousness. Surprising weight across the mid pallet opens up to luscious flavors of tart cherry, raspberry and rhubarb with hints of vanilla, and subtle white tea leaves. The finish lingers with crisp acidity and balanced tannin making this a delicate but complex alternative to heavy bodied reds.

**The Terraces:** 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.