



THE TERRACES

2017 Tempranillo

Clarksburg

Varietal: 100% Tempranillo
Cases: 294
Alcohol: 12.9%
Bottled: May 11, 2018
Released: May 1, 2019
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: Abundant rainfall broke the long drought, followed by a mild Spring. The rain and cooler temperatures resulted in sleepless nights dealing with frost and extended flowering. The growing season showed tremendous vigor thanks to the abundant Winter rainfall and the growing season progressed uneventfully. Extreme heat over Labor Day weekend, kicked harvest into high gear and thankfully by the start of the Valley fires on October 8th, over 95 percent of our tonnage was in. Although the fires were devastating we were able to continue our work at the winery and have ensured yet another top quality vintage through ongoing rigorous evaluations of our grapes, fermenting wines, and aging wine.

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: With a gorgeous purple color the bright aromas of raspberry, red plum, and blueberries are complimented by undertones of chocolate, violet and white pepper. The palate opens up to flavors of ripe pomegranate, cranberry and red cherry with hints of rose petal, tea leaves, and subtle baking spice. The finish lingers with crisp acidity and surprising 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.