



# THE TERRACES

## 2019 Tempranillo Clarksburg

Varietal:	100% Tempranillo
Cases:	245
Alcohol:	12.8%
Bottled:	May 15, 2020
Released:	April 14, 2021
Suggested Retail:	\$36

**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 2019 growing season started with abundant late spring rainfall giving way to classic warm summer months and a prolonged growing season. Relatively mild harvest season temperatures allowed for extra hang time giving the 2019 crop ample time to develop structure and soft tannins while retaining bright acidity. All in all, the growing season provided exceptional fruit and promises to be yet another amazing vintage.

**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 magenta hue, 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:** With 136 years of grape growing and 36 years of winemaking, our history inspires us to create singular wines of astonishing value. Each vintage we produce makes up less than 3500 cases. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa!