

# THE TERRACES

## 2019 Tempranillo

### Clarksburg



Varietal:	<u>100% Tempranillo</u>
Cases:	<u>245</u>
Alcohol:	<u>12.8%</u>
Bottled:	May 19, 2020
Released:	May 1, 2021
Suggested Retail:	\$36.00

**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 beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an 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:** The 2019 Tempranillo draws you to the glass with a gorgeous ruby hue and bright aromas of raspberry, red cherry, and undertones of dried violet are subtle white pepper. The palate showcases flavors of pomegranate, cranberry and red cherry with hints of earthy black tea leaves, and subtle baking spice. The finish lingers with crisp acidity and soft tannin. This wine proves to be as delicate as it is complex, the perfect 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.