

TEMPRANILLO

Vintage

2017

Varietal

78% Tempranillo
15% Merlot
7% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

Clement Hills

LIGHT



MEDIUM BODIED



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Licorice on the nose, followed by sweet charred oak, vanilla, dark cherries and caramel with a spicy Fall finish.

About The Wine

Before being bottled in August 2019, our Winemaker decided to make this in a Ribera del Duero style and blend in Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon. Upon his return he decided to make this Tempranillo in a "Ribera del Duero" style by blending in Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. These Bordeaux varietals will give the Tempranillo more structure, allowing it to age nicely.

Winemaker Notes

Significant rainfall throughout the winter filled most reservoirs, replenished soils and caused new life in vineyard cover crops for 2017. This rain was a welcomed site for most vintners, after struggling with drought for the past 5 years. Unfortunately it also helped spur some of the biggest wildfires the North Coast wine communities have ever seen. Luckily, about 85-90% of the harvest had already been picked and in production before the fires started. In general, harvest began early at a normal pace in most regions, and then during a heat wave in late August & early September it processed rapidly. In mid-September, temperatures cooled, slowing down harvest and giving Winemaker's time to clear their cellars and let their red grapes ripen gradually. Overall, flavor and quality looked excellent throughout the state and we were extraordinarily pleased with the fruit we received. Once the fruit arrived in Solana Beach, we destemmed and processed it here on site. The grapes then fermented in picking bins for 2 weeks. After pressing, the wines were aged for 12 months in 100% once used French Oak.

Recommended Food Pairing: Anything charred! Try grilled vegetables or cured meat.