



2016 PATTERSON CELLARS TEMPRANILLO



TECHNICAL DATA

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Tempranillo

VINEYARD SOURCES: Red Heaven, Rosebud

CELLAR TREATMENT: 50% French oak, 50% American oak, 30% new

PRODUCTION: 243 cases

ALCOHOL: 14.8% by volume

TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby in color, our 2016 Tempranillo abounds in characteristic varietal aromas of leather, tobacco and spice that continue seamlessly onto the palate, where they are joined by vanilla, sweet dark plums and dark red cherries. The medium full body gives way to a finish of fine dusty tannins and earthy notes. Enjoy this wine with lamb kababs or classic Spanish dishes like gazpacho or paella.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Our two sources for Tempranillo could not yield fruit that is more different from one another. Tempranillo from Red Heaven on Red Mountain tends toward the dark and brooding – very high pH, lots of leather and dry tobacco. The same varietal from Rosebud on the Wahluke Slope brings higher acidity, spice notes and red fruit to the blend. The Red Heaven Tempranillo arrived on October 5, and that from Rosebud a week later on the 12th. Both lots were cold soaked for two days before inoculation, and primary fermentation lasted six days before pressing. Post press both lots finished primary in stainless-steel tanks for another four days before barreling down into a mix of American and French oak barrels. The 2016 vintage was racked once during aging. Blending and bottling of this wine took place during March 2018.



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