



## 2019 RESERVE TEMPRANILLO

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*A New World expression  
of a Spanish Classic*

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**Varietal Composition:**  
Tempranillo

**Appellation:**  
Paso Robles

**Bottling Data:**  
pH: 3.87  
Total Acidity: 0.65g/100mL  
Alcohol: 15.0% by volume

### Philosophy

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The historic Spanish variety, Tempranillo has found a successful home in the vineyards of Paso Robles. Like its home in the Rioja and Ribera del Duero regions of Spain, Paso Robles offers hot summer days, cool nights and little rainfall. Our 2019 Reserve Tempranillo tempts you with beautifully layered fruit, exotic spice and floral highlights, and a long complex finish with firm tannins. This wine will definitely gain further complexity and balance with a few years in the cellar. It never fails to amaze with its affinity toward a wide variety of foods. ¡Que aproveche!

### Vintage Notes

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The 2019 vintage started with a cool winter with normal precipitation, breaking the dry trend of the previous six years. Spring was wet and cool with bud break coming a few weeks later than usual. Flowering progressed normally with minimal shatter occurring in a few blocks. June was dry with the first real warming trend beginning toward the end of the month. July started warm, showing the typical Paso Robles pattern of hot days and cold nights, but cooler weather toward the end of the month delayed veraison by a few weeks. Mid-August warmed again and stayed that way through early September with the usual Paso Robles cold fall nights, which preserves natural acidity in the fruit, until we harvested our tempranillo fruit with a perfect balance of ripeness and maturity in early October.

### Vinification

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**Fermentation:** Stainless steel closed top tanks with UV43 yeast, twice daily pump overs.

**Maturation:** Barrel aged for 22 months in 100% French oak (31% new)

### Tasting Notes by Jim Gerakaris, CWE - JUSTIN Winery Sommelier

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**Appearance:** Clear and bright with a deep ruby/purple core and black secondary color, lighter at the rim with slow-forming, moderately stained tears on the glass.

**Aroma:** Aromatic with dried strawberry, black and red cherry, dusty leather, exotic wood, vanilla, and subtle minty notes.

**Palate:** Full-bodied, dry, and youthful with a red and black fruit mix on entry, exotic wood and spice along with oak and vanilla toward the midpalate, and notes of leather and firm mouth-filling tannins on the midpalate. The finish is long with sustained fruit, barrel spice, oak, and lingering tannins with fresh acidity. A good candidate for cellaring, the 2019 Reserve Tempranillo will continue to gain in complexity and balance for at least ten years. Try it now with a beef stew or lamb tagine, or, after a few years, with grilled meats, a vegetable lasagna, or ratatouille.