



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2012 TEMPRANILLO



Vintage: After a string of unpredictable harvests, 2012 turned out to be a near perfect vintage. Ideal springtime conditions resulted in excellent berry set and a large crop. Moderate temperatures throughout the growing season slowly brought the fruit to full maturity. The wines of 2012 are elegant, with rich aromas and flavors. They possess bright acidity, beautiful structure, and the intensity needed to gracefully age.

Vineyard: Tempranillo is the noble grape of Spain. It is the predominant varietal in the wines from the famous Rioja region, where it is sometimes blended with Garnacha (Grenache), Graciano, and Mazuelo (Carignan). In 1998 two acres of Tempranillo were planted on an isolated knoll in the southern part of the Truchard Estate Vineyard. The vines grow in volcanic soils and benefit from the cool Carneros temperatures. Tempranillo makes a unique, spicy wine, with deep purple color, lush texture, and firm acidity. It is a wonderful food wine.

Harvest: October 20 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.70 pH • 7.0 g/L TA

Winemaking: The fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into an open top fermenter with approximately 20% whole berries. The tank was inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast and punched down twice daily throughout the fermentation. The temperature peaked at 88° F. After 14 days of maceration, the lot was pressed and allowed to settle in tank before going to barrel. The wine was aged for 10 months in both French (85%) and American (15%) oak; 25% of these barrels were new. The wine was racked only one time before being bottled in August 2013. This wine is 100% Tempranillo. It is very approachable right now, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 7 - 10 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.81 pH • 6.4 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Rich aromas of black cherry, cranberry, and cassis; with hints of tea, cedar, and earth. The mouth has bright flavors of plum, boysenberry, and sweet vanilla. Delicate tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of red fruit, mineral and spice.

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Cases Produced: 221 cases

