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VINEYARDS



2020 STEELHEAD RUN TEMPRANILLO

Applegate Valley

World-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at Steelhead Run Vineyard.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Sometimes I crave a highly structured red wine and this Tempranillo delivers. Tempranillo is great for pairing with rich and/or spicy dishes. It develops in the glass after being poured, engaging the senses with each sip. The folks at Steelhead Run Vineyard share this passion and it shows in the high quality grapes they grow year after year. Several clones are grown at Steelhead and, after speaking with the grower, we decided on this blend of clones to arrive at the flavor profile I had in mind which is structured with fruity and spicy notes. The grapes were hand picked on September 27th and transported to our winery in a refrigerated truck. Upon arrival we destemmed to 1.25 ton fermenters and inoculated after 2 days of cold maceration. Fermentation lasted 12 days. We pressed at dryness and racked to barrel after settling in tank for about 2 days.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Warmer than the Willamette Valley, Southern Oregon had a wet start in the spring followed by some heat spikes near bloom. Neither of those conditions continued through the rest of the growing season. There was very little frost pressure during bud break or harvest. The warm days and cool nights of summer led into a great September. The vines did very well and the grapes had a good balance of sugar, acid, and flavor. The berries came through harvest with good chemistry and high color concentration in the red wines.

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETIES 100% Tempranillo

AVA Applegate Valley

TA 5.6g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR <0.1g/L

ALCOHOL 14.1%

pH 3.98

ELEVAGE 100% American oak, 30% one-year old barrels

CLONES Douro, 1 and 2

VINEYARDS Steelhead Run Vineyard

SOIL TYPES Newberg, Camas and Evans

HARVESTED September 2022

BOTTLED September 2021

CELLARING 2-10 years

RELEASED August 2022

CASES 154

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman
PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$29.99