



Truchard Vineyards

2007 Tempranillo



Vintage: 2007 was a dry, cool vintage that produced outstanding wines. A dry winter and spring allowed for a good set of exceptionally small berries. Cooler temperatures throughout the growing season slowly brought the lighter crop to full maturity. The wines of 2007 have intense fruit aromas and flavors, complexity, and great structure.

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 11 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.71 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 2008. This wine is 100% Tempranillo. It is very approachable right now, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 7 - 10 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.1% alcohol • 3.80 pH • 6.3 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: An elegant nose of ripe plum, boysenberry, and cassis; with a touch of black tea and cedar. The mouth has bright flavors of rhubarb, bing cherries, and sweet vanilla. Chalky tannins focus the palate and provide a lingering finish of red fruit, mineral and spice.

Release Date: July 1, 2011

Cases Produced: 215 cases