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AVA: *Rogue Valley, Oregon*

VINEYARD DATA

Source: 2Hawk estate vineyard, Block 1, Clone FPS03 (Valdepeñas) & FPS11 (Tinta de Toro)

Soil Profile: Darow silty loam transitioning to Padigan clay loam

WINEMAKING DATA

Composition: 100% Tempranillo

Yeast: Wild

Fermentation: 46 days in 50% new, 50% 2-year-old French oak

Aging: 33 months in 50% new, 50% 2-year-old French oak

AWARDS

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition - Gold

VINTAGE

2017 was a lesson in patience coming off record snowfall. What started as a normal, relatively cool spring ended on a warm trend that continued until mid-July, when Mother Nature reminded us of her fickleness. August turned out to be one of the coolest in the last twenty years, allowing our fruit to ripen slowly and evenly. Fall continued the cool trend, and—thanks to our perfectly balanced crop load and expert water stress management—we began harvest on September 8, a week later than anticipated.

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HARVEST DATA

Date: October 3 & 12, 2017

Brix: 24.6 pH: 4.09 TA: 5.44 g/L

BOTTLING DATA

Production: 47 cases

Bottled: July 22, 2020

Alc. 13.7% pH: 3.97 TA: 6.23 g/L

FSO₂: 39 mg/L



As harvest progressed in unseasonably cool conditions, we became so excited by the flavor development we tasted in the vineyard that we delayed harvest of many blocks until the last possible minute. Our final fruit came in on November 2 with superb ripeness in exquisite condition.

TASTING NOTES

Every vintage, we take calculated risks in the vineyard and winery in the ultimate pursuit of quality. Some efforts are more successful than others, but regardless of the outcome, we always learn something. Such is the case with this, our inaugural Padigan Series Tempranillo. Our mission with this wine is to explore the very limits of late-season ripening to harness Tempranillo's power and present it as a refined celebration of our distinctive Rogue Valley site. After a long, slow fermentation and extended maceration in new French oak, we aged the wine for thirty-three months in barrels sourced from micro-terroirs within the legendary French oak forests. There is no doubt as to this wine's varietal identity as the deep, complex aromas of dried rose petal, blackberry, clove, and leather lift and prepare the palate for waves of ripe Rainier cherry, black licorice, star anise, and wet slate flavors. This wine is a statement to our detailed vineyard management and winemaking. The pinnacle of our efforts, this wine will age gracefully through at least 2025-2030 and offer unparalleled enjoyment when paired with grilled lamb in rosemary-thyme butter or—for a sublime experience—a well-stored Fuente OpusX Reserva d'Chateau.



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