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TASTING NOTES

Tempranillo/Grenache/Mourvedre 2009

- Summary:** This wine is inspired by the young pluggable wines from the Rioja region in north-eastern Spain. It is a blend of Tempranillo (juicy blackberry spiciness), Grenache (earthy raspberry), and Mourvedre (brooding dark berries).
- Full of juicy dark berry fruits, earthiness, and a hint of spices. The palate is brimming with gorgeous juicy plum, macerated raspberry and blackberry, earth savoury notes, and dried undergrowth. The finish is soft and satisfying, with gentle tannins. A well balanced wine that is very moreish and savoury.
- Food Matches:** Spicy cured meats, roast pork, cotechino or chorizo sausage.
- Origin:** Heathcote and Pyrenees, Victoria.
- Blend:** A blend of 46% Tempranillo, 39% Grenache to add richness, and 15% Mourvedre (grown in the Pyrenees).
- Viticulture:** Tempranillo and Grenache vines planted in 2001. Vines spur-pruned and vertical shoot positioned to ensure fruit exposure and even ripening.
- Vintage:** A dry spring resulting in low soil moisture levels hence low crops produced in our Heathcote vineyard. Summer started hot and dry with excellent conditions for flowering then ripening of the grapes took place several weeks early. Good foliage management in the vineyard helped protect against sunburn and shriveled bunches during the heat wave in February that lead to the Black Saturday bushfires. Tempranillo was picked in late February, Grenache picked in mid March and Mourvedre picked in early April.
- Winemaking:** Our grapes were crushed and pumped into open fermenters. Ferments were plunged 3-4 times daily to gently extract colour and flavour. At the end of fermentation, the resulting wine was pressed and transferred to French oak barriques. About 15 % new oak was used, predominantly coopered by the French company, Dargaud & Jaeglé. After one racking during the year, the wine was blended ready for bottling.
- Bottled:** February 2010
- Alcohol:** 13.8%
- Contains sulphites
- Ageing Potential:** Enjoy now, or cellar for 3-5 years