

Tempranillo Touriga 2018



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Otherwise known as 'The Red One', a wine inspired by both the climate and lifestyle of the Iberian Peninsula. Both varieties are unquestionably suited to the South Australian winegrowing conditions resulting in wines with natural balance, complexity and flavour.

Whilst Tempranillo is now well known, Touriga Nacional may be new to many wine drinkers and in need of further introduction. A lusty red variety that produces medium-bodied yet powerful wines with pungent fruit characteristics of fruit-ince or plum pudding. It blends well with red fruit, earth and cocoa of Tempranillo and may just be the variety and wine for our times.

THE VINTAGE

Simply stated, 2018 was a solid year. A vintage without extremes that was kind to both winemakers and vines alike. The fruit had lovely freshness and vivacity, the crops were of an average size and there was consistency throughout despite the dryness of the soil. Even the winemakers seemed to be enjoying themselves.

WINEMAKING

Variety 57% Tempranillo, 43% Touriga Nacional

Varietal Origin Spain and Portugal

Vineyard McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek

Process Hand-harvested, crushed, and traditionally vinified in small open top fermenters. Blended mid-April post fermentation and matured in two large vats before bottling in May 2019, 1030 cases produced.

Alcohol 14%

pH 3.96

TA 6.0

FOR THE SENSES

Flavour Profile

Dark dark cherry and chocolate with sweet spice, terracotta, freshly laid turf, chinotto, rosemary flowers and rhubarb. A powerful and complex nose backed up by a flavourful palate.

Structure and Texture

Medium bodied and flavourful. A clean, seamless entry strangely thirst quenching. The tannins are entwined with the acidity and balanced with the mouthful of fruit and spice. The mid palate is sweet and fleshy but held in check by the tannins and the finish is insanely long. Remarkable wine.

Cellaring

No waiting needed but if you must up to 10 years in the right conditions.

Serving

Spetsofai - Spicy sausage and pepper stew to from Taverna by Georgina Hayden