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# MOUNT MAJURA VINEYARD

## 2009 TEMPRANILLO

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Mount Majura Vineyard's hand-crafted wines benefit from the unique combination of red volcanic limestone-containing soils, an easterly aspect and a cool climate. These features are consistently expressed in intense, elegant and complex wines. Grapes are sourced only from the Mount Majura Vineyard, in the Canberra District.

### TEMPRANILLO

This is our seventh release of the Spanish variety Tempranillo. We believe it is a variety very well suited to our site, with Canberra having high levels of climatic similarity to the leading Spanish regions Rioja and Ribera del Duero. This wine has become our flagship, the 2008 vintage winning Gold and a Trophy at the Alternative Varieties Wine Show. We now also make a Tempranillo blend, labelled TSG (Tempranillo Shiraz Graciano).

### 2009 VINTAGE

The 2009 vintage was another very warm one, with a heatwave in late January and early February when the vines were going through veraison (the start of ripening). Fortunately, we only had two days that reached 40°C, and no bushfires. Heavy crop thinning was needed in some varieties. Vines performed well with sufficient water during the hot spell, and produced very good fruit, with reds showing great density, and whites picked earlier with good flavour.

### WINEMAKER

Frank van de Loo came to winemaking with a background in the plant sciences and has completed the Wine Science degree at Charles Sturt University. A strong believer that "wine is made in the vineyard" he enjoys working to create ideally balanced fruit in the vineyard, making the task in the winery straightforward.

### WINEMAKING

Hand picked 10 April 2009 at 14.3 Baumé. Had three days pre-ferment maceration, then fermented in an open vat with hand plunging. Matured in mainly older oak but including two new barrels (16%). Unfined and lightly filtered. Bottled under screwcap January 2009; 305 dozen made.

### TASTING NOTES

A profound, textural wine, showing the suitability of Tempranillo to our site. Richly perfumed black fruit flavours of cherry, blackberry and cola are tightly coiled around grainy, savoury tannin. Will reward cellaring and decanting.

### AVAILABILITY

Released August 2010. Order from (02) 6262 3070 or [sales@mountmajura.com.au](mailto:sales@mountmajura.com.au)

### CELLARING GUIDE

Drink now to 2020.



*"Winemaker/owner Frank van de Loo has consistently made excellent tempranillos and tempranillo blends. This was blind-tasted immediately after a \$75 Rioja, and held its head high. Here was the tobacco leaf of Jancis Robinson plus licorice, earth, fleshy black fruits and balanced tannins providing great mouthfeel. Rating: 94 points."*

James Halliday, 2/10/10

*'Smells of dark cherry, cassis and brambly berries and baking spices – this is one fine Tempranillo from the Canberra District. The palate has snappy tannin and plenty of sweet fleshy fruit, it handles the alcohol and the oak admirably and makes a brash, delicious young red. 93 points.'*

Nick Stock, Wine 100 June 2010