



TEMPRANILLO 2019

June 2021



Trophy (Best Tempranillo) Winewise
Small Vignerons Awards 2020

Another classy tempranillo from Canberra's Mount Majura. This one is subtly complex, showing black olive overtones to complement the dark berry fruit. Fine tannins impart a savoury feel to the satisfying palate.
(Winewise)

*Deep red/purple hue, with a smoked-meat and char-grilled vegetable bouquet. There is a trace of fruit sweetness in the centre before a firm grip of tannin which imparts a slight touch of bitterness. A ballsy, slightly extracted wine and a very smart tempranillo.***(Huon Hooke)**

MOUNT MAJURA VINEYARD

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 seventeenth release of the Spanish variety Tempranillo, a variety that is very well suited to our site, with Canberra having high levels of climatic similarity to leading Spanish regions. This wine has become our flagship. It is blended from three distinct sites within the vineyard.

2019 VINTAGE

This year we celebrate our 30th vintage. Just like last year, the 2018-2019 was the second-warmest season on record behind 2016, this time with some very hot summer weather. A very dry winter saw us applying irrigation prior to budburst for the first time. January was particularly hot, and irrigation was used to prevent heat damage. Subsequent weather during ripening and vintage was good. Yields were down in most varieties, but quality was good, and once again, the later ripening varieties benefitted from the milder conditions, showing great colour and flavour definition.

WINEMAKER

Frank van de Loo came to winemaking with a background in the plant sciences and has completed twenty-five vintages including twenty-one for Mount Majura Vineyard and two in France. For Frank the winemaking process starts with the planting of the vines and he works closely with a dedicated vineyard team, led by Leo Quirk, to craft wines that best express the character of the site.

WINEMAKING

Hand picked 22 March to 9 April 2019, at an average of 13.6 Baumé. Had 5 days pre-ferment maceration, then wild-fermented in open vats with hand plunging. Pressed to French oak (15% new) after 6-9 days post-ferment maceration. Blended from three sites within the vineyard: Dry Spur (44%), Rock Block (33%) and Little Dam (22%). Unfined and lightly filtered. Bottled under screwcap January 2020. 228 dozen made, plus 102 magnums. Alcohol 14.5% by volume. Vegan friendly?: Yes.

TASTING NOTES

The dry summer of 2019 gave Tempranillo of low yields and exceptional quality. Bright and complex aromatics, plush fruit flavours and firm tannins make for a powerful wine.

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