

2008 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley

Tasting Notes:

This is a supple red wine exhibiting ripe red fruits, accented with hard spice flavors. Fragrant spicy-strawberry aromas and nice balance are the hallmarks of this wine. The finish is dusted with cocoa, cinnamon and toast.

Fermentation Facts:

Tempranillo 75% (60% Rioja clone, 40% Ribera del Duero clone)Ibarra-Young Vineyard

- ❖ Harvested September 10, 2008
- ❖ 5.6 Tons
- ❖ 24.2 Brix
- ❖ 3.89 pH
- ❖ 5.0 Total Acidity

Pumped over twice a day. Pressed September 28, 2008. Put into 35% new Hungarian oak puncheons, 35% 1 year old puncheons. Aged for 2 years in barrel total. Blended with 15% Grenache from Purisima Mountain Vineyard and 10% Syrah from Bien Nacido Vineyard.

Grenache, Clone 3, 15% Purisima Mountain Vineyard

- ❖ Harvested on October 9, 2008
- ❖ 25.5 Brix
- ❖ 3.43 pH
- ❖ 5.2 Total Acidity

Punched down by hand twice a day. Finished primary fermentation on October 31. Aged in neutral barrels.

Syrah 10%, Bien Nacido Vineyard, Block Eleven Baja

- ❖ Harvest October 6, 2008
- ❖ 24 Brix
- ❖ 3.4 pH
- ❖ 7.95 Total Acidity

Punched down by hand twice a day. Finished primary fermentation on October 21. Aged in 1 year old Francois Freres barrels.

