

Stag's Hollow Tempranillo 2016

Wine Description

Our 2016 Tempranillo is bursting with ripe red and dark fruit, complimented by dark, brooding aromas of leather, earth, coffee, licorice, and sweet pipe tobacco smoke. Medium bodied in weight, with rich flavours of stewed blackberry and cherry fruit, mingling with cedar oak, fine-grain tannins and a refreshingly bright pomegranate-like acidity.

Food Pairings

Classic: earthy flavours, roasted vegetables, cured meats (think Jamón Iberico), tomato-based sauce dishes, barbeque grilled-meats, smoky dishes, roast lamb, steak

Adventurous: Mexican food (meat or bean based), hamburgers, savoury Indian dishes, and Cajun dishes.

Vintner's Comments

Now that our Shuttleworth Creek Vineyard is coming of age, the majority of fruit for this wine now comes from that block of Tempranillo. Our Estate grown Tempranillo provides the wine with its rich, dark fruit, leathery and earthy flavour profile, while the Shuttleworth Creek Vineyard Tempranillo balances that, with an abundance of youthful, bright red fruit and botanicals.

Winemaking

Hand-picked and hand-sorted, lots of Tempranillo were destemmed, lightly crushed and fermented in small 1 ton open-topped fermenters, using selected yeast strains. The ferments were punched down by hand 2-6 times daily, and were pressed into French and American oak barrels. After malolactic

fermentation, the wine was aged for an additional 20 months on fine lees before being racked, blended with a small amount of the 5 Bordeaux varieties, before being bottled unfiltered and lightly filtered.

Aging Potential

Now and over the next 10 years.

Stats

Vineyards Shuttleworth Creek Vineyard, Okanagan Falls (gravels, glacial till & silty loam)
Stag's Hollow Vineyard, Okanagan Falls (gravels & coarse glacial till)

Blend 92.1% Tempranillo
3.7% Merlot
2.3% Cabernet Franc
1.1% Malbec
0.7% Cabernet Sauvignon
0.6% Petit Verdot

Harvest Dates October 12 & 18, 2017

TA 5.80 g/l

pH 3.56

Date Bottled January 2019

Date Released September 2019

Residual Sugar 0.55 g/l

Alcohol Content 14.0%

Bottle Size 750 ml