



2007 Tempranillo Granache Mourvedre

Back Label:

Tempranillo is the dominate grape variety in Spain. Here we blend it with both of Spain's two other principal varieties, Grenache (Granacha) and Mourvedre (Monastrell). While classically unconventional, in this new world wine, the combination is remarkable. Earth, pine needle, black pepper, cassis and spice flavors lead to a complex finish with essence of plum and dark chocolate.

General Wine Data:

Blend: 35% Tempranillo 35% Grenache 30% Mourvedre	3.85 pH TA	14.5 % Alcohol by volume
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Harvest data:

Tempranillo picked on 9/13/2007 24 * Brix; 3.42 pH; 0.54 TA

Grenache picked on 9/30/2007 25.7* Brix; 3.46 pH; 0.42 TA

Mourvedre picked on 9/30/2007 26.4* Brix; 3.57 pH; 0.49 TA

Vineyard:

100% StoneTree Vineyard.

StoneTree Vineyard is located in the Wahluke Slope AVA bordered West and South by the Columbia River.

This site is among those with the longest growing season in the state.

2007 Vintage

The 2007 growing season was ideal with a long and warm summer. Cooler conditions throughout October resulted in wines with excellent flavor concentration and full bodied mouthfeel without developing extra high Brix and resulting Alcohol content.

Winemaking: The grapes were destemmed and gently crushed followed by a “cold soak” at 10 *C for 2-3 days. I find this technique helpful in extracting more fruit aromas and flavors enhancing complexity and a softer tannin structure.

All lots were fermented in 1 ton bins with daily manual punch downs.

Oak profile:

Aged in French oak barrels for 22 months.

In order to achieve just a subtle influence from the wood I chose barrels that were already used for two vintages.

This New World - style blend presents the lovely fusion of Tempranillo, Grenache and Mourvedre wines of strength and complex character.

Tempranillo is a sturdy and substantial wine with a lovely black cherry core. The earthy tannins make it a perfect blending partner to Grenache which is usually softer but bursting with pomegranate and strawberry fruit. Mourvedre adds another layer of complexity to the blend with its meaty and earthy flavors.

70 cases produced