



TEMPRANILLO 2008 / Walla Walla Valley

Vineyard Appellations : 100% Double River Ranch

Grapes: 100% Tempranillo, Clone 1

Vintage Season: moderately warm season, extended ripening period, dry

Time in Cellar: 23 months in 100% select American oak, 30% new

Bottled: July, 2010

Aroma: grilled red cherry, cedar, vanilla

Taste: Lengthy cherry fruit, gentle brightness, balanced tannin

Alcohol: 13.4%

Lot size: 77 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2008 vintage marks our return to a 100% Walla Walla Valley Tempranillo bottling, sourced exclusively from the Double River Ranch block that we established in 2000. It was a classic Washington vintage of typical temperatures and precipitation. Yields were lower than normal, and with the vineyard in its 8th year, the grapes have gained additional depth and interest. The wine shows strong red color, an expressive nose, and a nicely balanced palate of sweet fruit, acidity, and drying tannins. It tends toward a grilled cherry character, with hints of vanilla. The finish is long and fruitful. I would predict a cellar life of five to eight years, with the wine rounding out in the next 12 to 18 months. Should pair well with medium to heavy dishes. I'd like to note that we opened a bottle of the 2004 at the winery this summer and it was drinking beautifully: Fully integrated, sound, expressive; and with a few years of drinking life left in it!

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