



TEMPRANILLO 2020

ABV: 14.2%

75% Tempranillo
18% Garnacha
4% Mencía
3% Blend of Cariñena, Syrah,
Cabernet Sauvignon, & Merlot

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Vara's Vino Tinto Español Tempranillo is from the rolling hills of Campo De Borja Spain where the cooler hilltops allow Tempranillo to achieve its legendary complex fruit profile and firm tannin structure. In October of 2020, the grapes were hand-harvested, destemmed then, fermented in traditional concrete tanks. Concrete, like fine French oak barrels, creates a smooth mouthfeel, but uniquely, concrete lends a greater purity of fruit flavor and an even greater intensity of deep color. Once the wine had stabilized at 14.2% ABV it was matured in neutral French oak barrels for 10 months. The wine was blended to enhance complexity and structural quality with 18% Garnacha, 4% Mencía, 1% Cariñena, 1% Syrah, .5% Cabernet Sauvignon, .5% Merlot. It was bottled in October 2021 then bottle-aged for 6 months prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

The color is a deep garnet jewel tone. Aromas of ripe blackberries, Bing cherries, summer plums, anise, and gentle smoke are abundant. The taste is full bodied and equally refreshing with balanced ripe tannins and food-friendly acidity. Unique flavors of pomegranates, cinnamon, thyme, and savory smoke continue to a very long finish.

FOOD PARINGS

Roasted meats and sausages, roasted poultry, barbeque, stews, rich pasta dishes and aged cheeses.