

TEMPRANILLO & PAELLA

To celebrate National Tempranillo Day on the 9th of November this year, we thought we would talk about Tempranillo and its great love, Paella.

Tempranillo translates to 'early' in Spanish. It ripens earlier than the other red grapes, hence the name. Typically harvested one to three weeks before its noble brethren, it takes its name from the Spanish 'temprano', which means 'early.' Roughly translated, tempranillo means 'little early one'.

Although Tempranillo originated in Spain, Texas is showing promise for being able to grow and produce some amazing Tempranillo.

Tempranillo is one of the few varieties where the leaves turn bright red in the Fall. Talk about falling for foliage. It's one of the most beautiful sights in the vineyard.

Tempranillo is the fourth most planted variety in the world and is one of the nine major red wine grapes.

While famed for pairing with red meat and ham, Tempranillo is a surprisingly versatile food wine that can match well with roasted vegetables, smoke, starch, hearty pastas and even Mexican food. Its true soulmate, however, is Paella. Both of them originated in Spain.

Tempranillo with Paella is the perfect Spanish combination. Traditionally in Spain, Paella was cooked by the men on a Sunday afternoon. This was apparently to give their wives a "break". The men tended to drink a glass or three of wine and use up all the food leftovers.

Paella is very flavorful. It's best to pair it with a fruity yet spicy red wine and that is why Tempranillo is perfect for Paella.



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Cheers to Quality Family Time with Wine!



Greetings from Stonewall!

Hey everyone!

It's me, Joanna, your friendly neighborhood winemaker. I was a little more friendly before harvest went on for three full months, but we got by! 2023 has in fact been our second longest harvest since 2019, which was over 100 days. This means we were in the cellar everyday for at least 12 hours a day trying to make the best wine possible for weeks and weeks – the equivalent of working 24 hours for 50 days straight. I'm not complaining – sometimes I just gotta say it out loud to remind myself we can do hard things! We have a great crew and David kept us stocked on food and peanut M&M's so it all went quite smoothly!

The heat was tough on all of us, including the fruit which at moments struggled to ripen in the heat. We found ourselves giving them more time to catch up and mercifully it started cooling down (at least in the High Plains) in September. I'm very excited that the estate vineyard is coming online and we had our first harvest of estate fruit since 2020. It was very small, but great quality. We created a field blend of Grenache, Petite Sirah, whole cluster Sangiovese and then carbonic Mourvèdre. We are hoping to bottle and release this estate wine early – the vines are young and we think it's well suited to a young, fun celebratory wine! We also got in some Alicante Bouschet from Desert Willow for the first time. They were also young vines so we only got about two barrels of wine out of it, BUT it's organic and tastes like the best type of maraschino cherries. I think y'all are going to love it and I can't wait to share it with y'all.

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and we hope to see you soon!

Happy Holidays!
Joanna

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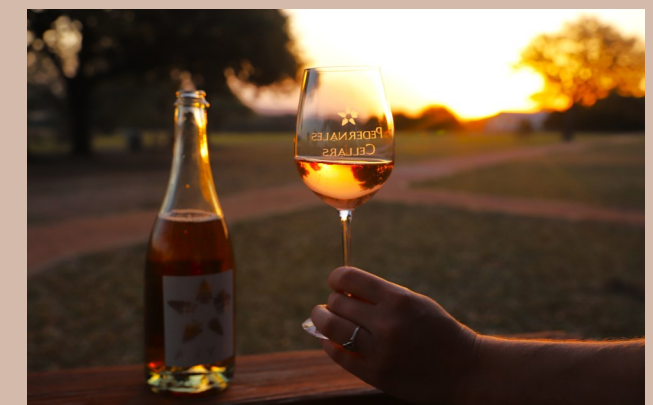


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| Nov 23 | CLOSED for Thanksgiving Day |
| Dec 2 | Winemaker Experience |
| Dec 3 | Winter 2023 Wine Club Release Party |
| Dec 8 | Tasting Room 15th Birthday |
| Dec 24 | CLOSED for Christmas Eve |
| Dec 25 | CLOSED for Christmas Day |
| Dec 31 | New Year's Eve Tasting Room Takeover (11am - 3pm) |
| Jan 1 | CLOSED for New Year's Day |

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Wines Included In The Winter Release

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

Since we are rapidly approaching the Holiday Season, we can't help but to think of Family, the Family Reserve that is. Below we have a little comparison of our Family Reserve 2019 and Family Reserve 2020.

Family Reserve 2019

37% GRENACHE, 32% TEROLDEGO, 21% CARIGNAN, 10% TOURIGA NACIONAL

Off the bat, you are greeted with smoke, leather and tobacco followed by blackberries, cherries and blueberry cobbler. The palate has luscious red and black fruit as well as mushroom, earth and cigar box. The body is substantial and the finish is long.

17 months in French and American Oak

Family Reserve 2020

76% TEROLDEGO, 12% PETITE SIRAH, 12% TEMPRANILLO

This wine has rich notes of black cherry, cocoa powder, tobacco, black pepper and vanilla. This is a medium to full bodied wine with ripe fruit full with blackberries, plum, bramble and ample tannin on a long finish.

18 months in French and American Oak

Immediately, we see that the Family Reserve 2020 is more Teroldego-driven than the 2019 vintage. It has more of the fruity characteristic of Teroldego. There is definitely black cherry that you pick up immediately on the nose.

Since the 2019 is older, it will have softer tannins. Both of these wines will soften with age.



Learn more about these wines and other wines we have available through our online store. Have questions about your membership? Check out our Wine Club FAQ page online!



2022 Texas High Plains Trebbiano

100% Trebbiano

On the nose, you'll find notes of golden delicious apple, white flowers, brioche, wool (similar to Chenin Blanc), lemon, lime and buttered toast. The palate is smooth and fairly creamy with a lingering, soft finish.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2027

2021 Texas High Plains Vermentino

100% Vermentino

This wine has a lovely nose of orange blossom, lemon, with hints of minerality, sea breeze and fresh green herbs. The palate has a slight creaminess to it with notes of peaches and lime. A smooth mouthfeel is complimented by lively acidity on this medium-bodied white.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2026

2021 Lyla

75% Roussanne, 25% Viognier

This balanced, medium-bodied wine has notes of stone fruit, pear, golden delicious apples, honeydew melon and a touch of flint and minerality. The body has a nice weight to it and a long, soft finish.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2025

2020 Lahey Vineyards Tempranillo

80% Tempranillo, 8% Cinsault, 7% Graciano, 5% Alicante Bouschet

The wine has a rich nose full of black fruit, leather, blackberry, plum and violets with hints of smoke and graphite. This full-bodied wine has a velvety and juicy mouthfeel with flavors that match and a hint of minerality on the finish.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2035

2020 Texas Tempranillo Reserve

78% Tempranillo, 15% Graciano, 3.5% Alicante Bouschet, 3.5% Cinsault

This wine has a lovely and aromatic nose with black cherries, brown sugar and caramel, chocolate and fig. The palate matches the nose with lots of ripe velvety black cherries and a cocoa finish. The tannins on this medium plus-bodied wine are ample, but not astringent.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2034

2020 Texas High Plains Malbec

77% Malbec, 23% Tempranillo

The nose on the Malbec is rich with blackberry, plum, forest floor, tobacco and subtle smoke and floral notes. The palate is medium to medium-plus in body and fruity with a velvety mouthfeel and cocoa on the finish.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2025

2020 Family Reserve

76% Teroldego, 12% Petit Sirah, 12% Tempranillo

This wine has rich notes of black cherry, cocoa powder, tobacco, black pepper and vanilla. This a medium to full bodied wine with ripe fruit full with blackberries, plum, bramble and ample tannins on a long finish.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2032

2019 Family Reserve

37% Grenache, 32% Teroldego, 21% Carignan, 10% Touriga Nacional

Off the bat, there's smoke, leather and tobacco followed by blackberries, cherries and blueberry cobbler. The palate has luscious red and black fruit as well as mushroom, earth and cigar box. The body is substantial with a long finish.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2037