

Verdad Tempranillo 2005

This wine is from the stellar 2005 vintage which gave us just about perfect (cool weather, long season, sunshine when you needed ripeness) growing conditions. The wine is composed of 75% Tempranillo, organically farmed at Ibarra-Young Vineyard in Los Olivos, 15% Syrah from Bien Nacido Hillside “Baja,” and 10% Grenache from Purisima Mountain Vineyard.

The lots were picked separately and fermented in small open topped fermenters. The Tempranillo was pumped over to avoid over-extraction of tannins and the Syrah and Grenache were punched down by hand twice a day.

The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for a total of 16 months, blended in March 2006, and put into bottle.

720 cases were produced.

Drink well!

-Louisa Sawyer Lindquist