

# JUSTIN *Production Notes*



*A New World expression  
of an Old World classic*

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Composition:**

75% Tempranillo

25% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Bottling Data:**

pH: 3.76

Total Acidity: 0.69 g/100ml

Alcohol: 13.5% by volume

**Bottling Period:** May 10, 2011

## 2009 RESERVE TEMPRANILLO

### *Philosophy*

The historic Spanish variety tempranillo has found a successful home in the west-side vineyards of Paso Robles. Like its home in the Rioja and Ribera del Duero regions of Spain, Paso Robles offers hot summer days and very little rainfall. A versatile food pairing wine, our Tempranillo beguiles you with beautifully layered fruit, rich meat and spice highlights, and a beautiful silky finish. ¡Que aproveche!

### *Vintage Summary*

The 2009 growing season began with an early bud break due to the extremely warm spring temperatures at the beginning of March. An early April frost affected parts of Paso Robles, but our vineyards were relatively unaffected due to their hillside locations. Consistently warm summer weather segued into a moderate, early fall with some extensive rain, but our resilient vines shrugged off the water and retained great fruit concentration and flavor. Balanced weather through the rest of the fall allowed us to pick on flavor profiles without any concerns about excessive heat or cooler temperatures. As a result, our red wine sources and home vineyard from this vintage have shown incredible density and power of varietal expression, and the style of the 2009 vintage is flashy and intense.

### *Harvest Notes*

**Harvest Period:** September 11 – October 12, 2009

**Average Brix at Harvest:** 24.3°

### **Vinification:**

**Fermentation:** Open top fermentation vessels for 14 days using UV -43 yeast. Pumpover / Delestage twice daily

**Maturation:** 18 months in all French Oak Barriques – 43% new

### *Tasting Notes*

**Appearance:** Deep ruby turning violet toward the rim

**Aroma:** Layered with ripe strawberry, dried currant, and cherry fruit. Earthy, meaty elements with leather, bay and smoke accented with sweet spice of vanilla, and a touch of cinnamon.

**Palate:** Full bodied with dried cherry, blackberry, and cassis fruit. Tobacco, white pepper and anise fill in the mid-palate. The finish is crisp and long; a complex mix of subdued fruit, wood and spice supported by velvety tannins.



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