

2024 Sandalford 1840 Tempranillo

Region

Swan Valley and Perth Hills, Western Australia

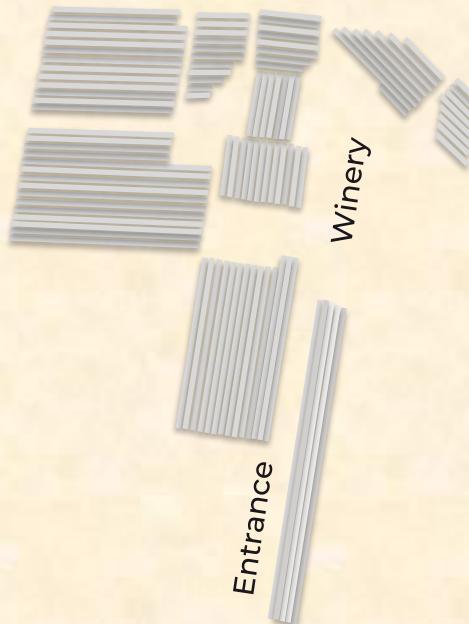
Varietal Breakdown

Tempranillo

Vintage

The spring season preceding the 2024 vintage was drier than usual with rainfall down 23% below average and the warmest spring temperatures on record for Western Australia. The weather pattern remained hot and dry leading into summer with temperatures well above average. Flowering, version, and ripening all occurred very early which led to vintage commencing a month earlier than normal. Sandalford began picking their white fruit in the first week of January – the earliest start on record.

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Winemakers Comments

Tempranillo is most suited to the warm growing conditions of the Swan Valley in Western Australia. Handpicked fruit was harvested in the cool of the morning and delivered to the winery for processing. The Tempranillo grapes were de-stemmed to small 5 tonne open fermenters with 10% whole bunch included in the ferment. A spontaneous fermentation was encouraged and the ferment lasted for several days before pressing off to tank at dryness. The wine was then transferred to seasoned French oak barriques for malolactic fermentation. An extended period on lees in barrel aided in building the palate texture and overall complexity of the wine. The wine spent 18 months maturing in these barrels prior to blending and bottling.

Tasting Notes

Colour: Deep cherry red with garnet hues.
 Nose: Bright raspberry and black cherry fruits with red pepper, dark chocolate and leather nuances entwined with subtle savoury spices.
 Palate: Fresh berry fruits meld with layers of savoury spices. The assertive fine grained tannin structure is a signature of the variety and in balance with the natural acidity providing length to the wine. A wine well suited to a range of foods and pairs perfectly with rich, bold flavoured dishes. Cellar for up to 10 years if desired.



Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.0% pH 3.59 TA 6.45 g/L

This wine is vegan and vegetarian friendly

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