

# CASINO MINE RANCH

## 2021 TEMPRANILLO

Our seventh crop of the Spanish varietal Tempranillo experienced ideal hang-time of independently hanging clusters, leading to slow and steady sugar accumulation and well-ripened tannins. Harvested in early autumn at ideal ripeness, the fruit underwent a long maceration to soften tannins with élevage in 50% new French oak. This 100% Tempranillo boasts a deep ruby hue, with aromas of cocoa nibs, black cherry, vanilla bean, espresso, and black currant leaf. The full-bodied texture shows concentrated and layered flavors of freshly upturned earth, licorice root, and spice box, interwoven with mouth-coating tannins. Its long finish leaves hints of herbal notes and spicy oak on the palate.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2020 began with abundant rainfall and continued with mild spring weather. There were a few heat spikes, but the fruit remained protected with our extensive canopy management. The resulting wines are balanced with notable intensity.

## WINEMAKING

Aged in 30% new French oak, with the balance of neutral French oak for 14 months.

## FOOD PAIRING

A perfect pair for roast duck, grilled red meats, or if you're feeling decadent, Argentinian mollejas!

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**APPELLATION:** Shenandoah Valley

**VARIETAL:** 100% Tempranillo

**WINEMAKER:** Jessica Tarpy

**COOPERAGE:** 30% New French