

RUTHERGLEN ESTATE

Modern classic winery, with respect for tradition. Situated in the north-east corner of Victoria, it is one of the most progressive and diverse viticultural regions in Australia.



DE BORTOLI RUTHERGLEN ESTATE TEMPRANILLO 2023

Vineyard

The fruit is grown on the De Bortoli Tuileries and Melville's vineyards. The Tuileries block was planted to Tempranillo in 2013. This block adjoins the accommodation which is onsite at the De Bortoli Tuileries complex. It is on the western edge of the Rutherglen township and has some interesting gravel, clay and alluvial soil mix. The Melville's vineyard is on the eastern edge of the Rutherglen region. The vine rows run north-south and the block is west-facing and produces tempranillo with a balanced intensity and varietal definition.

Season

2023 was a slightly cooler than average year without any extreme heat. Because of a wet spring it was a busy growing season. Fortunately post December the summer became more normal. February and March dried out with ideal mild days which resulted in a fantastic year in Rutherglen for our red varieties. The season was three weeks later than average and we feel fortunate to have ended up with the wines we have in the cellar.

Tasting Note

Deep, dark with vibrant red hues. This savoury wine has aromas of black cherry, dried herbs and nuances of oak spice. These flavours follow through on the palate. The wine is medium weight and has tempranillo's hallmark

General Characteristics

Dry / Medium bodied

Additional Information

Vegan, Vegetarian

Winemaking

The 2023 tempranillo was partially crushed into small, temperature controlled vats. The wine was pumped over with careful cap management during fermentation to extract the fantastic colour and flavour without over extracting the tannins. The fruit is cold soaked prior to alcoholic fermentation to keep a bright and vibrant fruit profile. The wine is aged in older French and American oak to give some softness and roundness on the palate without dominating the wine.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.8%, pH: 3.62, TA: 6.36 g/L

Cellaring

2 to 10 years.

Winemaker

Marc Scalzo

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