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LOS ANGELES

## 2016 Tempranillo, Los Angeles County

The 2016 Tempranillo is our “grand reserva” from Los Angeles County. In the spirit of Rioja’s top designation, this wine saw a staggering 58 months in barrel, before bottling and release.

### Vintage Notes

The 2016 vintage was one of our hottest and driest vintages, before the decade long drought was broken by the winter rains after the year’s harvest. The wines of this vintage all show structure, and long term agreeability, due to the high tannin content and flavor concentration.

### Winegrowing & Production Notes

In the Antelope Valley of Los Angeles County, Iberian varietals excel, with Tempranillo at the front of the pack. Known for its structure, tannin, and agreeability, the majority of our Tempranillo goes into our wine Evenfall, and is blended with Petite Sirah & Merlot. In 2016 one barrel of this magnificent wine was set aside, and left to age in a quiet corner of our barrel room until its hard edges softened, and its nuances began to reveal themselves. This wine spent time in new French and American oak, and was topped up with small amounts of Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah, and Merlot, that saw it through it’s 5 years of rest.

### Tasting Notes

A bouquet of Luxardo cherries, red fruits, and leathery chocolate grace the nose of this garnet colored wine, with hints of pepper and spice that flutter in the glass. The youthful palate delivers a blast of sour cherry and fresh raspberries, with bright acidity and subtle earthiness, culminating in a lengthy finish of ruby red currents and spice.

### Technical Notes

Vintage:	2016
Varietal(s):	100% Tempranillo
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Swayze Family Vineyard
Titratable Acidity:	.765
pH:	3.76
Fermentation:	Open Top Bin
Aging:	58 months in French & American oak, 100% new
Bottling Date:	July 17th, 2021
Alcohol:	14.5%
Production:	26 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$40.00 / bottle - 750ml

