

The West Australian



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Quality : ★★★★★^{1/2}

Value: ★★★★★^{1/2}

Availability: ★★^{1/2}

West Cape Howe

Tempranillo 2005

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Fleshy Spaniard a fine match

Of the newer varieties starting to make some ground in Australia tempranillo is one of my favourites. When its planted in the right locations, which necessarily need to be quite warm, and the vintage conditions are right, it turns out a damn fine wine. The variety has its home in Spain but over the past 10 years or so Aussie winemakers have been starting to paly around with it, sometimes blending with other varieties to add some flesh. In this case it appears that the Tempranillo stands up on its own very well. There are lots of cherry fruits infused with some spicy savoury characters that are typical of the variety. Quite a warm palate but there's plenty of intensity and flavour that finishes with a nice dry earthiness. The palate is the key to this variety because it is so perfectly suited to a range Mediterranean-style foods. This one is a pretty good example and worth checking out.

Ray Jordan



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