

Twisted Oak



2005
TEMPRANILLO
CALAVERAS COUNTY

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Gold Medal, Riverside International Wine Competition!
Best of Show, Sierra Foothills, California State Fair!

TASTING NOTES

A late night **infomercial** from a couple of years ago for a questionable land deal in northern California had a well-known **TV cop** from the 1980s telling you “You Gonna Love It!” Well, there is **nothing questionable** about the Calaveras County land that grows this Tempranillo! It starts off with aromas of holiday spices like vanilla, **cinnamon** and clove, and finishes with flavors of **raspberries**, blueberries, and purple. (**Purple?**) Anyway, we’re absolutely certain “**You Gonna Love It!**”

PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2005 growing season started with a late bloom followed by a fairly average warming season which enabled us to acclimate the vines to the intense summer in this warm region. The Rolleri Vineyard is perfectly oriented to take **full advantage** of the sun exposure here in Calaveras and the vines are now reaching full maturity at 10 years old. Our estate Tempranillo with its **brightness and acidity** lends a hand to the overall blend, and the dash of Cabernet Sauvignon rounds out the mouthfeel.

At the winery, we gently destemmed and crushed the fruit and fermented over 2 weeks. The cap was **punched down** 4 to 5 times a day during the early part of fermentation, reducing to twice a day in later stages. After two weeks, the must was pressed and then racked into oak barrels for secondary fermentation. We then pulled out the wines, blended in the Cabernet, and then sent the wine back down to barrel for ageing.

TECHNICAL NITTY GRITTY

Varietals & Vineyards:

68% Tempranillo, Rolleri Vineyard in Angels Camp
20% Tempranillo, Spaniard block, Twisted Oak Winery in Vallecito
12% Cabernet Sauvignon, Vallecito Vineyards

Harvest Date:

September 14th, 29th and October 10th, 2005

Oak Program:

30% new American oak
10% new French oak
60% neutral oak

Food Pairings: Tapas!

spicy sausages and salamis
ham - game - pot roast - linguica
even lamb or pasta!

Suggested Retail Price: \$24

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