

2022 Billy Button “Alluring” Tempranillo



As the noble red grape of Spain’s north, particularly the Rioja region, Tempranillo has gradually been planted in Australian regions with varying results. It is a grape well suited to cool climates and Jo’s mission to focus on alternative varietals combined with the success the variety has already achieved in the region made it a no-brainer for Jo to include Tempranillo in her line-up. The result is an intriguing dry red wine that loves good food.

Production Notes

The 2022 vintage is composed of an assortment of different clones from the Greenacre and Nicholson’s Vineyards. A variety of techniques were used for fermentation including inclusion of whole berry and crushed fruit, along with some cold soak and extended maceration. Most ferments were gently plunged twice daily and pressed out after reaching sugar dryness. A smaller percentage of parcels were worked a little harder and left for extended maceration. Individual parcels were kept separate and matured in a combination of Flexcube and seasoned oak for 9 months. The wine was then blended, filtered and bottled in January 2023.

Vintage Snapshot

A very cool growing season drove the wine right into the red fruit spectrum, producing a wine with abundant fruit and great natural acidity, with this vintage demonstrating less herbal and savoury characters than previous years.

Tasting Notes

Vivid ruby red in colour. Vibrant and perfumed in the glass with highlights of red cherry and red current. The palate displays attractive morello cherry paired with fine powdery tannins and holds lovely acid balance.

Optimal Drinking Window – 2023 to 2030

Technical details

Vineyards:	77% Greenacres Vineyard, Merriang South 23% Nicholson Vineyard, Porepunkah
Region:	Alpine Valleys
Alcohol:	13.5%
Volume made:	535 dozen
RRP:	\$35
Winemaker	Jo Marsh and Glenn James