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## 2018 PST!

### ADELAIDE HILLS

#### VINEYARD

The 2018 vintage has proved to be one of the better red vintages in the Hills for some time. With sound crop levels and outstanding fruit quality at our disposal, the opportunity to experiment with a few varieties and blends presented itself. With a blended red in mind, we harvested small batches of Tempranillo, Shiraz and Pinot Noir, fermenting them separately and pressed them to older, neutral barrels to maximise fruit expression prior to careful blending.

#### WINEMAKING

We like to experiment in the winery, and this blend of Tempranillo (70%), Shiraz (20%) and Pinot Noir (10%) is a case in point. We were looking to produce a lighter bodied blended red that exhibits bright, crunchy fleshy fruit, pleasing complexity yet retains lifted aromatics. We found the darker fleshy fruit depth of Shiraz along with the bright cherry lift and complexity of our Pinot Noir to be a perfect counterpoint for the fleshy yet brooding Tempranillo. Hand plunged, the small ferments of Tempranillo, Shiraz and Pinot Noir were kept separate, with minimal winemaking intervention designed to maximise the natural fruit expression. Careful blending trials ensued, resulting the charmingly bright yet interesting wine presented.

#### TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Bright red hue with a lighter depth expression.
AROMA	Subtle tempranillo earthiness with hints a cherry red spice.
FLAVOUR	Cherry plum fleshiness with soft fruit tannins
TECHNICAL DATA	Alcohol vol: 13.5% Total Acidity: 6.6 g/L pH: 3.46 Residual Sugar: 0.9 g/L
CELLAR POTENTIAL	3 - 5 years.

#### HAVE IT WITH ...

Friday night pizza or BBQ'd meats.

