



CRITTENDEN ESTATE®

MORNINGTON PENINSULA FAMILY WINEMAKERS

LOS HERMANOS

The fruit for our classic Spanish styles is sourced from premium Victorian cool climate regions. Los Hermanos means 'the siblings' and what more appropriate way to celebrate Rollo and Zoe's influence in the family business. We realise it's a bit indulgent, but we have always loved Spain, especially its food and wine.

2016

TEMPRANILLO

VINTAGE

2016 was a rare but welcome season with the desirable combination of both quality and quantity across most Victorian wine regions. Perfect flowering conditions in late spring helped cement a bountiful yield which was followed by a warm dry summer with virtually no disease pressure. So productive were many of our affiliated vineyards that judicious green fruit thinning was often required to ensure the retention of concentrated flavors in the finished wines.

VINEYARD

The grapes were sourced from a small family operated vineyard in Victoria's King Valley where the moderate maritime climate is perfectly suited to enhance Tempranillo's vibrant & juicy fruit characters.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand harvested and destemmed to open fermenters where the fermentation process was allowed to commence spontaneously with indigenous yeast. In an effort to better express clean fruit characters the ferments were pumped over aeratively once per day and hand plunged twice a day. Once dry, the grapes were pressed to tank and then racked to older oak barriques and hogs head barrels for 5 months of maturation. The resulting wine was then assembled in tank and lightly filtered prior to bottling.

ALCOHOL	13.9%
MALOLACTIC	100%
OAK HANDLING	Old oak

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

In Spanish terms this wine has been produced in the 'joven' or youthful style – meaning it exhibits only the vibrant fruit characters of Tempranillo without the encumbrances of sweet or toasty oak. Characters of plums, cherries and spice fill the nose, leading to a firm dry palate of blackberries and dark chocolate. This wine, we believe, is a true representation of the Tempranillo grape. Made in the 'drink now' style this wine will provide great enjoyment over the coming 18 months, though it has plenty of structure and acidity ensuring longevity well into the future.

