



## 2012 ELLIS VINEYARDS TEMPRANILLO ROGUE VALLEY

### VINEYARDS

Set at 1650 feet above sea level, at the base of the foothills just west of Medford, Oregon, Ellis Vineyards is situated in the middle of an alluvial fan of soil consisting of rocky sandy loam thus providing excellent drainage for the grapes. The vineyard is a 26-acre site of which 15-1/2 acres are currently planted to Syrah, Tempranillo, Viognier, Pinot Gris, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc. It was originally planted in 1997 and is owned and managed by Dick and Pat Ellis.

### VINTAGE

Moderate temperatures and ideal growing conditions throughout the season put very little pressure on the vines, producing grapes with nicely balanced chemistry at harvest time. After a challenging vintage like 2011, this abundant and extremely high quality vintage was a welcome change for everyone growing and making wine in the valley. The warm summer continued deep into the fall and allowed for extended hang times. Yields were up and the fruit arrived in immaculate condition to the winery with very little need for extensive hand sorting on the crush line.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit was 100% destemmed with a partial crush and cold soaked for 5 days on the skins and then inoculated with VRB yeast. The fermenter was hand punched twice daily until dryness and then pressed after 22 days on skins. The wine was settled 5 days before going to barrel. To give this wine a distinct northwest personality we used Oregon Oak barrels to reflect the use of American oak in Spanish made Tempranillo. After ML completion the wine was sulfured and aged for 18 months. Racking occurred every 3 months until the final wine was then bottled on May 6th of 2014.

### TASTING NOTES

Huge aromas of cassis, blueberry, fine leather, and caraway meld with hints of toasty oak. A luscious entry sails into ample firm tannins that combine flavors of Marionberry jam and Allspice. Pair it with grilled lamb and Spanish rice.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### ACCOLADES

90 Points – Wine Enthusiast

#### APPELLATION

Rogue Valley

#### VINEYARDS AND CLONES

Ellis Vineyards – Clone 2

#### COMPOSITION

100% Tempranillo

#### FERMENTATION AND AGING

18 months in Oregon Oak

#### ALCOHOL

14.9%

#### PH

3.95

#### PRODUCTION

50 cases

#### BOTTLING DATE

May 2014

#### RELEASE DATE

August 2014

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$25