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## *2009 Tempranillo*

Jarvis Tempranillo wine is in honor of Dimitri Tchelistcheff, our long time mentor and valued contributor to our winemaking. He has a special feeling for Tempranillo and thought it would do well here. He suggested planting just an acre to compliment our other wines. Its varietal name means “early” from the Spanish word “temprano” a reference to the fact that it ripens several weeks earlier than most other red grapes. It is our first red varietal to harvest each year, and it tells us when it is time to net all of our vineyards against the birds! Ruby red in color this wine has aromas and flavors of berries and plum. This wine is best enjoyed from its youth to six years of age.

The grapes for all Jarvis wines are grown in our own hillside vineyards which were planted in 1985. The vineyards are 1,000 feet above Napa Valley east of the city of Napa. The cool mountain growing region affords moderate temperatures for optimum ripening of the grapes.

**Grapes:**

100% Jarvis Estate

**Harvest:**

September 30th, 2009

**Varietal Composition:**

100% Tempranillo

**Barrel Aging:**

12 months

100% French “Haute Futaie” Oak

(60% new)

**Cave Fermentation:**

61° F

**Fining & Filtration:**

Unfined & Unfiltered

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

**Technical Data:**

Alcohol - 14.5%

Total Acid - 5.3 g/liter

pH - 4.02

**Production:**

220 cases



**91 Points**

“Easily the greatest California Tempranillo I have ever reviewed”  
Steve Heimoff at [steveheimoff.com](http://steveheimoff.com), West Coast Editor, Wine Enthusiast Magazine