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2HAWK DAROW SERIES TEMPRANILLO ROGUE VALLEY 2018

Analysis

The Darow Series is 2Hawk's reserve-tier of wines. Oregon's Rogue Valley is a fantastic AVA for Tempranillo. 2018 was a classic Indian Summer vintage at 2Hawk. The spring started cool but soon warmed with a great, moderate summer that finished cooler than normal. The critical months of September and October were dry with incredible temperature swings of 40 to 50 degrees from peak midday to overnight. It was a winemaker's dream. This wine is fermented with indigenous yeast, as are all wines at 2Hawk. It's a blend of 91% Tempranillo with 9% co-fermented Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. This wine rested in French oak, 52% new, 26% two-year-old, and 22% neutral for a period of 29 months before being bottled and then rested in bottle for another 24 months plus! American wine producers rarely commit to this extended bottle aging. This is a serious and complex Tempranillo redolent of those made in Ribera del Duero, Spain.

Cool Grade = A | Value Grade = B

Tasting Note

Brilliant, dark ruby/scarlet color. The aromatics are intense, offering scents of boysenberry, earth, and dried herbs with supporting notes of mineral, red currant, wild blackberry, and cigar box. The palate echoes the nose delivering a black and red fruits-driven core with flavors of cassis, dark chocolate, blackberry jam, and slate. The finish is long and lingering with ripe tannins. Full-bodied and perfectly balanced with an opulent texture and an alluring sapidity.

How to Enjoy

Serve at cellar temperature and be sure to decant this wine a good hour or more before serving. Pair with grilled lamb loin chops and don't spare the pepper and rosemary.



Country: USA

Region: Oregon

Appellation: Rogue Valley

Varietal: Tempranillo

Retail Price: \$49

ABV: 14.3%



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