



RUSTY MUTT

- TASTING NOTE - 2022 CONEJO JOVEN TEMPRANILLO

THE WINE

"I called my wine range 'Rusty Mutt' as I was born in the Year of The Metal Dog in Chinese Astrology. Metal Dog was then 'Australianised' to Rusty Mutt. The 'Conejo Joven' Tempranillo was named after my son Tobias, who was born the year of the Golden Rabbit. 'Conejo Joven' means Young Rabbit in Spanish. Joven (young) also denotes the style of Tempranillo." - **Scott Heidrich (Owner / Winemaker)**

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

There were key climatic similarities between vintage 2022 and the preceding vintage which bodes well as vintage 2021 is already highly regarded. Vines held condition well due to a cool summer, and winemaking was made easier by gentle ripening conditions.

While it was a wet La Niña-influenced year for other parts of Australia, McLaren Vale vineyards received below average rainfall. The season started with above average winter and early spring rains, before experiencing dry conditions throughout summer and autumn, leading to lower rainfall overall.

Overall, we would rank 2022 right up there for quality. Reds have intense, rich and balanced flavours and colours. Whites have pretty aromatics and natural acidity.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

A very youthful purple / violet with good clarity and depth. Ripe, dark cherries and chocolate notes come over first. With fine nutty spice and savoury meats becoming evident with time in the glass.

The palate begins with berry fruits and ripe cherries, then becomes warm and textured like chocolate melting in the mouth. A burst of raspberry pops out near the finish completing this very bright and intriguing wine.

FOOD MATCH

Enjoy with Chorizo, Jamon, Paella, Tacos, spicy BBQ King Prawns, Barbacoa beef and BBQ Pork Sausages.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Winemaker: Scott Heidrich

Region: McLaren Vale

Varietal: Tempranillo

Oak Treatment: Aged in 3 year old American oak puncheon for 12 months.

Alc: 14.5% **pH:** 3.51 **TA:** 5.56 **RS:** 2.10 g/L



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