

# **Sanguine Estate Heathcote**

## **2004 Tempranillo Report**

### **Vineyard and Winemaking Report:**

Tempranillo is the principle red grape of the renowned Rioja region of Spain, an area that viticulturally has a lot in common with Heathcote. The Tempranillo vines grown on Sanguine Estate produce small crops of less than ½ tonne per acre and look quite different to all other varieties grown on the estate. It produces large soft leaves and bunches that are very open with large to moderate berry size.

The grapes were hand harvested, naturally fermented, hand plunged and the wine is then matured in predominantly new Hungarian oak for 12 months. The Hungarian oak was an experiment because of its similarity to French oak. It integrated very well and offered some unique aromas.

### **Tasting Notes:**

The 2004 Tempranillo displays characters of wild strawberry, cherries and red currants with a hint of liquorice and a herbal character typical of the variety. The palate has wonderful mid palate fruit, well balanced acid and tannin and a spicy herbal finish that lingers. A food friendly wine that will gain additional complexity with bottle age.