

2009 “Single Vineyard” Tempranillo Lake County

History

In 1861 Lake County was created from parts of Napa, Mendocino, & Colusa counties. Since then it has been well known as a farming community.

In the 1870s vineyards were planted and by the early 1900s the area was already earning its reputation for producing the “**World’s greatest wines**”. When prohibition forced an end to the Lake County wine production in 1920, most of the vineyards were removed and replaced with walnut and pear orchards.

The comeback of the wine industry began in the 1960s when a few growers rediscovered the area’s grape growing potential and once again began planting vineyards. Lake County now has more than 8,800 acres of planted vineyards, which is a significant increase from less than 100 acres they had planted in 1965. This area has also seen the recent establishment of several American Viticultural Areas such as **High Valley** and **Red Hills-Lake County**. We are proud to say that Lake County contains many vineyards that support the California Wine Institute’s Code of Sustainable farming practices.

Winemaking Notes

The grapes used to produce our 2009 Shannon Ridge Lake County Tempranillo were picked from a special block on our Morine Ranch. The fruit was picked at the peak of ripeness and aged in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% Neutral French oak.

Tasting Notes

Color: Deep Ruby Red

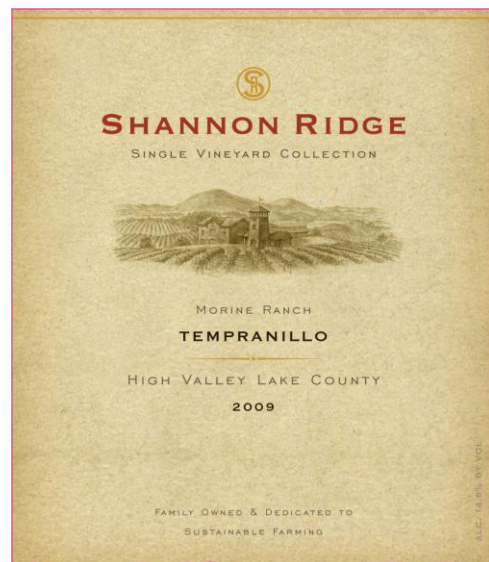
Aroma: Blackberries, Plums, Spice and Herbs

Flavor: Blackberry, Tobacco, Vanilla oak

Texture: Rich, well balanced with a long finish

Technical Data

Alcohol:	14.8%
Total Acidity:	.58
pH:	3.61
Residual Sugar:	.50
Composition/Blend:	94% Tempranillo, 6% Petite Sirah
Appellation:	Lake County
Barrels:	French oak
Time in Barrels:	14 Months
Cases Produced:	291



Suggested Retail: \$40.00

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