



## 2024 Corymbia Rocket's Vineyard Tempranillo Malbec Swan Valley, Western Australia

"The heat is on, on the street...the pressure's high just to stay alive" Yep, this classic Glenn Frey 80's track was the soundtrack for our Swan Valley grape vines in 2024. Everything in the vineyard centred around keeping enough leaf cover to protect the fruit from the warmest, driest and earliest vintage since records began in 1922. The record early harvest did mean we avoided much of the excess heat that came in late summer, and we think the wines fit neatly into a tightly tailored suit ready for an ensemble performance at the grammy's so keep an eye out for them!

### The fruit

We dedicate our single vineyard Swan Valley wines to Rob's late father and former Australian Test Cricketer Tony "Rocket" Mann. With a lightening arm, Tony was well known to "rocket" the ball in from the outfield to hit middle stump. Aside from cricket, Tony loved wine. An old currant vineyard caught his eye, which he quickly transformed into a vine oasis, with Rob, 33 years ago. The fruit is now dry grown and organically farmed by Rob and Genevieve Mann. In July 2022 we proudly achieved "certified organic" status with ACO Certification Ltd.

### The wine

The grapes were harvested by hand on the same day. The Tempranillo and Malbec fruit was individually berry sorted and combined prior to carbonic maceration and natural co-fermentation in a single French oak vat. Maturation followed in two seasoned 600-liter French oak demi muids and a barrique for 10 months. Deep crimson with purple hues. Poised and confident, expressing plum skins, cherry pith, pomegranate, and Dutch licorice creating a vibrant and complex sensory concert. Medium bodied with daring bright red and black cherries, gun metal minerality, long and energetic finish with finely tuned tannins at the point of resonance.


### The label

Corymbia calophylla is the botanical name for the West Australian marri tree which grows tall and strong on the state's best vineyard sites. The image is a graphical expression of the 12-month climatic data for the vintage year, whose form represents the marri blossom in full bloom. The 365 stamens represent the daily minimum and maximum temperatures against the monthly average. The darker colored blocks represent the monthly & average rainfall. January is at 12 o'clock and the red stamen was the harvest date. The infographic mimics our natural environment as its form changes subtly each year and is the purest expression of the vintage conditions in which our fruit was grown. Label design by graphic designer Emma Mann.

### Technical Data

<b>Vineyard</b>	Rocket's Vineyard, Upper Swan, WA
<b>Variety</b>	52% Tempranillo, 48% Malbec
<b>Soils</b>	Herne Hill loam
<b>Clones</b>	Tempranillo D8V12, Malbec Houghton massale selection
<b>Rootstock</b>	Tempranillo and Malbec own roots
<b>Vine density</b>	1540 – 1850 vines per hectare
<b>Picking date</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.8%
<b>Residual sugar</b>	0.5g/l
<b>Bottling date</b>	18 <sup>st</sup> December 2024


<b>pH</b>	3.60
<b>Total Acidity</b>	5.8g/l
<b>Best drinking</b>	now to 2032

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