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".. excellent fruit richness and intensity.." Wine Orbit







## **Cato Hilltops Tempranillo 2015**

Varieties:	Tempranillo
Region:	Hilltops NSW
Vintage:	In 2015, we had a cool start to quite a warm year. Fruit ripened easily and evenly and maintained really good natural acidity. There was zero disease pressure. The biggest challenges were to keep yields down and provide shade for the fruit. Several thinning passes were made throughout the growing season to reduce the yield and encourage canopy cover.
Winemaking & Viticulture:	Two different clones grafted onto 43 yo rootstocks and planted to three blocks with varying aspects at an elevation of 600m. The fruit was cold soaked pre fermentation and matured in new French oak barrels for 12 months.
Awards & Reviews:	94 points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 93 points – James Halliday GOLD – Sydney Royal Wine Show 2017 GOLD – Canberra and Region Wine Show 2017 GOLD - Wine Showcase Magazine 2016
TASTING NOTES	
Colour:	Bright dark purple
Nose:	Vibrant and bright with cherries dusted in dark cocoa, along with subtle notes of oak.
Palate:	The palate is vibrant and bright, the flavours concentrated and luscious; more cherries and dark berries, with hints of dark bitter chocolate. Medium bodied but the flavours are intense and there's an exceptional combination of vibrant fruits coupled with lovely, moreish grainy tannins.
Alcohol:	14%

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