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Say 'hola' to a wine that's far from plain

Tempranillo is leading the way in emerging red varieties with more than 300 Australian producers now making the Spanish wine, from fresh and youthful to fuller-bodied versions to go with robust meats, barbecues and good company

LA LINEA
2014 / Tempranillo

Region: Adelaide Hills
Value: Worthwhile
Best with: Slow-cooked lamb shoulder

★★★★

Winemaker Peter Leske has put years of experience with tempranillo into this release, using a wide regional selection of vineyards. It is youthful in the first approach, lifted with fragrance, then plush with fleshy crimson, plumlike fruits that carry the primary message but then become imbued with some earthier, savoury senses clasped by sticky tannins rather than drying mouthfeel.