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**TUMBLEWEED**

## 2016 The Descendants

### Background:

The bright tropical fruit, spice and higher acid of the Verdelho complement and balance the Viognier's softer notes of quince, pear and white blossoms. Every year this blend has a sleek, clean palate and bright aromatics that pair with a broad range of foods. This is one of our two larger white blends of 2016 at a mere 120 cases.

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

*Willcox AVA*

*67% Viognier from Deep Sky Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 Ft. elevation. Harvested Aug 16th*

*33% Verdelho from Dragoon Mountain Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 Ft. elevation. Harvested Aug 15th*

*Sugar at harvest: 23.5 Brix average.*

### Cellar Notes:

*Pressed whole-cluster.*

*Juice then settled 48 hours, racked, and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhône4600 & QA23).*

*Fermented in stainless steel at 55 F for 17 days average.*

*Malolactic fermentation inhibited*

### Aging:

*Aged 4 months in 100% neutral French oak (without lees stirring) and 3 months in stainless steel.*

*This wine saw only minimal cold-stabilization, did NOT undergo heat stabilization and is filtered, but un-fined.*

### Stats:

*pH: 3.52*

*TA: 6.4 g/L*

*RS: <0.10%*

*Alcohol: 14.0%*

*Drink within 1-2 years*

*Production: 120 cases*

*Winemaker: Joe Bechard*

