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**TUMBLEWEED**

## 2014 Le Blend

### Background:

Sangiovese adds a feminine layer of rose petals and red fruit. Syrah contributes dark fruit, tannin and earthy spice. Tempranillo gives even more depth and concentration, while Graciano ups the spicy/juicy, dark plum character. A balanced wine great for pairing with a range of foods, this is one of our largest blends of 2014 at only six barrels.

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

33% Syrah from Cimarron Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 3rd

33% Sangiovese from Fort Bowie Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 3,800 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 25th

17% Tempranillo from Dragoon Mountain Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 25th

8% Tempranillo from Cimarron Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 28th

9% Graciano from Cimarron Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation Harvested Sept. 3rd

Sugar at harvest: 24.3 Brix average

### Cellar Notes:

Destemmed, but not crushed to open top 1/2-, 3/4-, and 1-ton bins.

Cold-soaked 24 hours, then inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhone2056, D254, VRB, T73).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Alpha) around 7 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 9 days average skin contact.

Settled 5 days average before barreling.

### Aging:

Aged 11 months in 17% new French oak and 8% new Hungarian oak.

Twice racked. Un-fined and unfiltered.

### Stats:

pH: 3.78

TA: 5.7 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.5%

Production: 150 cases

Drink now or cellar 3-5+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

