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2014 Verdelho

Background:

A grape grown throughout Portugal and mostly associated with Madeiras, Verdelho can make amazing and distinctive dry white wines with intense aromatics, intriguing spice and a silky texture. We bottled it by itself this year so you can see why we think Verdelho is so damn cool -- and hopefully agree!

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

100% Verdelho from Dragoon Mountain Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 23rd

Sugar at harvest: 22.7 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster.

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

Fermented in stainless steel at 55 F for 17 days.

Malolactic fermentation inhibited.

Aging:

Held 6+ months in stainless steel.

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

Stats:

pH: 3.50

TA: 5.8 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.5%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 50 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

