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TUMBLEWEED

2015 Rolling View Vineyard Cabernet Franc

Background:

This is our fourth year working with this gorgeous fruit – we don't get lots, but we covet what we do get. Originally a component in our Lil' Frankie blends, this Cab Franc has been a stand-alone varietal for the last 2 years. Rolling View Vineyard has an austerity and restraint unlike its next-door neighbors – one that suits Bordeaux varietals especially well. This wine has an amazing interplay of acid and tannin, a cool dusty spice and classic Cab Franc fruit.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

95% Cabernet Franc from Rolling View Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 3rd
5% Merlot from Rolling View Vineyard, Cochise County. AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 3rd

Sugar at harvest: 25.2 Brix average

Cellar Notes:

*Destemmed, but not crushed to an open top 3/4-ton bin.
Cold-soaked 24 hours, then inoculated with specially selected yeasts (BDX & MT).
Hand punched 3-4 times daily.
Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 7 Brix.
Pressed at dryness after 13 days skin contact.
Settled 2 days before barreling.*

Aging:

*Aged 9+ months in 100% neutral oak and 5 months in
100% new French oak (Alain Fouquet Cooperage).
Thrice racked. Filtered, but un-fined.*

Stats:

*pH: 3.80
TA: 6.2 g/L
RS: <0.10%
Alcohol: 13.5%
Drink now or cellar 5+ years
Production: 24 cases
Winemaker: Joe Bechard*

