

chateau
TUMBLEWEED

2015 Will E. Cox

Background:

In this blend, we seek to harmonize the elegant red fruit, spice and silky femininity of AZ Grenache with the more powerful characters of Syrah and Tempranillo. This wine is becoming a special one for us to highlight the complexity and austerity of Arizona terroir and the beauty of blending. One of our largest blends of the vintage at only 7 barrels.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

42% Grenache from Pillsbury Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 8th
14% Grenache from Cimarron Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 8th
23% Syrah from Cimarron Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 26th
21% Tempranillo from Cimarron Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 1st

Sugar at harvest: 24.8 Brix average

Cellar Notes:

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

Grenache was left ~15% whole cluster, Syrah ~25% whole cluster.

Cold-soaked 24 hours, then inoculated with specially selected yeasts (BRL97, Rhone2056, D254, VRB, CLOS, T73, etc).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 7 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 9 days average skin contact.

Settled 3 days average before barreling

Aging:

Aged 11 months in 14% new and 14% 2-year-old French oak (Damy Cooperage).

Twice racked. Filtered, but un-fined.

Stats:

pH: 3.76

TA: 5.7 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.8%

Production: 170 cases

Drink now or cellar up to 5+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

