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TUMBLEWEED

2016 Rolling View Vineyard Cabernet Franc

Background:

This is our fifth year working with this gorgeous fruit – and it might be our last. We never got much, but we always coveted what we did get. Originally a component in our Lil’ Frankie blends, this Cab Franc has been a stand-alone varietal for the last 3 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. It’s hard to say goodbye to a good friend. Hopefully we won’t have to...

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA

98% Cabernet Franc from Rolling View Vineyard, Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 27th
2% Merlot from Rolling View Vineyard, Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 20th

Sugar at harvest: 24.0 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to an open-top, 3/4-ton bin.
Cold-soaked 24 hours, then inoculated with specially selected yeasts (MT).
Hand punched 3-4 times daily.
Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 7 Brix.
Pressed at dryness after 10 days skin contact.
Settled 2 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 12 months in a neutral oak barrel and 3 more months in a new French oak barrel (Alain Fouquet Cooperage).
Thrice racked. Filtered, but un-fined.

Stats:

pH: 3.81
TA: 6.3 g/L
RS: <0.10%
Alcohol: 13.3%
Drink now or cellar 5+ years
Production: 24 cases
Winemaker: Joe Bechard

