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TUMBLEWEED

2017 House Mountain Vineyard Syrah

Background:

During the 2017 harvest, we were quite fortunate to get a surprise call from Eric Glomski at Page Springs Cellars. He was offering us small amounts of three varietals from his Verde Valley vineyards, and, despite lacking the space or budget, we couldn't turn it down. This Syrah comes from House Mountain Vineyard which sits on the slopes of a dormant volcano near the D.A. Ranch Vineyard in the Page Springs area. (Our business partners at D.A. Ranch are also partners with Eric on this vineyard and our own Jeff Hendricks planted it!). By this point, we've seen Syrah from so many different vineyards in AZ, we had to add this baby to the list! This is an elegant Syrah - despite the higher alcohol - with a fruit slightly more restrained and palate less rich and tannic than its counterparts from southeastern AZ. A pretty reliable trait in the vineyards from this area...

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

98% Syrah from House Mountain Vineyard. Yavapai County, AZ. 3,500 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 6th
2% Mourvedre from Pillsbury Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 12th

Sugar at harvest: 25.3 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 (Clos).
Hand punched 3-4 times daily.
Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 7 Brix.
Pressed at dryness after 11 days skin contact.
Settled 3 days before barreling

Aging:

Aged 5 months in 100% 2-year-old French oak (LeGrand Cooperage)
and 6 more months in 100% neutral oak barrels.
Twice racked. Filtered, but unfiltered.

Stats:

pH: 3.74
TA: 5.7 g/L
RS: <0.10%
Alcohol: 14.9%
Production: 24 cases
Drink now or cellar 5+ years
Winemaker: Joe Bechard

