

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2022 Dos Amigos Vineyard Viognier

Background:

There's little doubt in our minds that Juan Alba is one of Arizona's best growers. After 10 years working with Cimarron Vineyard (where Juan works as the Vineyard Manager) and a couple years sourcing fruit from his Dos Amigos Vineyard, we know we can count on Juan to reliably turn out high quality grapes with grace and efficiency. We sourced significantly more fruit from Dos Amigos this year (as it is now reaching full maturity) and we're blown away with what we've seen so far. Both Cimarron and Dos Amigos deliver beautiful, well-maintained grapes, but both vineyards also have their own character. We feel like we know what to expect from Cimarron by this point, but Dos Amigos is still pretty new to us. This is classic Viognier with its notes of quince/pear and white blossoms, but it's probably a little more crisp and focused compared with some of the Viogniers we've bottled in the past. This small offering of Viognier is something special – we knew before it was even done fermenting that this would be one to bottle on its own! Only 100 cases produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ

100% Viognier from *Dos Amigos Vineyard*.

Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested on August 11th

Sugar at harvest: 21.9 Brix.

Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster.

Juice then settled 48 hours, racked and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhone4600).cFermented in stainless steel at 55F for 14 days.

Malolactic fermentation inhibited.

Aging:

Aged 6 months in stainless steel (without lees stirring).

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

Stats:

pH: 3.44

TA: 6.0 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.3%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 103 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

