

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2014 Cimarron Vineyard Syrah

Background:

We are honored to work with fruit from this vineyard and this Syrah makes it pretty obvious why. Originally planted in 2005 by Oregon Pinot Noir pioneer Dick Erath, Cimarron Vineyard is now owned and operated by Dos Cabezas Wineworks' Todd and Kelly Bostock with help from Dick's former, long-time vineyard manager, Juan Alba. Their hard work and vision is to be commended and the proof is in the pudding...

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

100% Syrah from Cimarron Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 3rd

Sugar at Harvest: 25.0 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed, but not crushed to open top $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton bins.

Lot was left ~15% whole cluster.

Cold-soaked 24 hours, then inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhône2056, D254, VRB, CLOS & T73).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Alpha) around 7 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 11 days skin contact.

Settled 4 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 11 months in 20% new French oak.

Twice racked. Un-fined and unfiltered.

Stats:

pH: 3.78

TA: 5.9 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 15.0%

Production: 74 cases

Drink now or cellar 6+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

