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**TUMBLEWEED**

## 2015 The Descendants

### Background:

The bright tropical fruit, spice and higher acid of the Verdelho complement and balance the Viognier's softer notes of quince, pear and white blossoms. Every year this blend has a silky, clean palate and bright aromatics that pair with a broad range of foods.

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

67% Viognier from Deep Sky Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 Ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 20th

33% Verdelho from Dragoon Mountain Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 Ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 13th

Sugar at harvest: 23.5 Brix average.

### Cellar Notes:

*Pressed whole-cluster.*

*Juice then settled 48 hours, racked, and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhône4600 & QA23).*

*Fermented in stainless steel at 55 F for 20 days average.*

*Malolactic fermentation inhibited.*

### Aging:

*Both components were aged 3+ months in 100% neutral French oak (without lees stirring) prior to blending.*

*Blend was held 3 additional months in stainless steel before bottling.*

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

### Stats:

*pH: 3.46*

*TA: 6.0 g/L*

*RS: <0.10%*

*Alcohol: 13.6%*

*Drink within 1-2 years*

*Production: 72 cases*

*Winemaker: Joe Bechard*

