TUMBLEWEED

2015 Rolling View Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Background:

We're excited to be working with small amounts of a few other varietals from Rolling View these days. This Cabernet Sauvignon – much like the Merlot and Cab Franc from this vineyard – has an Old World feeling to it that we absolutely love. Not richness, opulence or concentration; this wine is all about acid/tannin tension, bright fruit and intense Bordeaux spice. Only 1 barrel produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

95% Cabernet Sauvignon from Rolling View Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 3rd 5% Merlot from Rolling View 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 3/4-ton bins.

Cold-soaked 24 hours, then inoculated with specially selected yeasts (BDX & MT).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 7 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 13 days skin contact.

Settled 2 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 9+ months in 100% neutral oak and 5 months in 100% new French oak (Alain Fouquet Cooperage).
Thrice racked. Filtered, but un-fined.

Stats:

pH: 3.78 TA: 6.4 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.3%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 24 cases Winemaker: 70e Bechard

