

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2016 Deep Sky Vineyard Malbec

Background:

We've had the chance to work with a few varietals from Deep Sky in the past (mostly while working for other wineries) and have always been impressed with the fruit quality and meticulousness of the vineyard. After our first experiment with AZ Malbec in 2015 and after hearing rave reviews from fellow winemakers about the Asmundson's Malbec, we really wanted to give it a whirl. This wine has a big, inviting nose, amplified slightly by a few months in new Russian oak. The palate is surprisingly restrained and juicy, finishing with gorgeous notes of lavender, cassis, ripe plum and cigar box.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA

98% Malbec from Deep Sky Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 2nd
2% Malbec from Carlson Creek Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 2nd

Sugar at harvest: 24.1 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to open-top, 3/4-ton bins. Lot was left ~13% whole-cluster.

Cold-soaked 24 hours, then inoculated with specially selected yeasts (MT & T73).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 7 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 10 days skin contact.

Settled 2 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 4 months in 50% new Russian oak (Seguin Moreau Cooperage)
and 11 more months in 100% neutral oak.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but un-fined.

Stats:

pH: 3.78

TA: 6.6 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.6%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 48 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

