

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2016 Deep Sky Viognier

Background:

We've met quite a few superb AZ Viogniers over the years and are convinced that it will have a place in this state for many years to come. Some of our favorite Viognier comes from the Asmundson family at Deep Sky Vineyards. Every year, it makes a classic wine with trademark characters of quince/pear, white blossoms and an elegant softness. We love working with this meticulous vineyard.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA

100% Viognier from Deep Sky Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested on Aug. 16th

Sugar at harvest: 23.9 Brix.

Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster.

Juice then settled 48 hours, racked, and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhone4600).

Fermented in stainless steel at 55 F for 18 days.

Malolactic fermentation inhibited.

Aging:

Aged 5 months in stainless steel and 2 months in

100% neutral oak (without lees stirring).

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

Stats:

pH: 3.49

TA: 6.1 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.0%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 40 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

