

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2016 Juan Alba Vineyard Mourvedre

Background:

Juan Alba has been farming grapes for more than 20 years. He worked with Dick Erath in Oregon before joining him in AZ for the planting of Cimarron Vineyard. Juan then stayed on as manager at Cimarron after Dick sold the vineyard to Todd and Kelly Bostock of Dos Cabezas Wineworks. He also maintains a small, personal vineyard near the town of Elfrida. These grapes come from that vineyard and make an interesting contrast to those from Cimarron. This wine might be a little grittier and less polished, but it might also be a little more complex and wild like its AZ terroir. Only one barrel produced!

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

97% Mourvedre from Juan Alba Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,200 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 17th
3% Mourvedre from Cimarron Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 6th

Sugar at harvest: 24.6 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 (D254 & VRB).

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 6+ months in 100% neutral oak and 5 more months in 100% 1-year-old Romanian oak barrels.

Twice racked. Filtered, but un-fined.

Stats:

pH: 3.76

TA: 6.2 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.4%

Production: 24 cases

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

