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**TUMBLEWEED**

## 2017 The Descendants

### Background:

For this blend, we use the bright tropical fruit, spice and higher acid of Verdelho to complement and balance Viognier's softer notes of quince, pear and white blossoms. This is now the fourth vintage of this wine – one that has always been sleek, clean and bursting with bright aromatics. A versatile wine that pairs with a range of foods and occasions, the Descendants is our second-largest white blend of the vintage at a mere 180 cases.

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

*Willcox AVA*

*67% Viognier from Deep Sky Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 6th*

*33% Verdelho from Dragoon Mountain Vineyard. Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 11th*

*Sugar at harvest: 22.8 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 19 days average.*

*Malolactic fermentation inhibited.*

### Aging:

*Aged 6 months in stainless steel.*

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

### Stats:

*pH: 3.35*

*TA: 6.9 g/L*

*RS: <0.10%*

*Alcohol: 13.7%*

*Drink within 1-2 years*

*Production: 180 cases*

*Winemaker: Joe Bechard*

