

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2018 Cimarron Vineyard Tempranillo

Background:

We've been working with Todd & Kelly Bostock's beautiful Tempranillo for 6 years now, and it has proven itself to make a consistently great wine with a spectacular balance of power and finesse. While most of this wine goes into blends every year, we hold the best three barrels for extended aging and single-varietal bottling. Like years past, we put a portion of this wine in a newer, water-bent Hungarian oak barrel for added notes of spice, maple, smoke and a marked roundness on the palate. Only 74 cases produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County

97% Tempranillo from Cimarron Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 6th and 8th

2% Graciano from Cimarron Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 30th

1% Grenache from Cimarron Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 1st

Sugar at harvest: 24.8 Brix average.

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to open-top, $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton bins.

Lot was left ~10% whole cluster.

Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (CLOS, T73 & 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 11 months in 33% new Hungarian (Dargaud & Jaeglé Cooperage) and 67% neutral oak barrels. Aged another 7 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfin.

Stats:

pH: 3.88

TA: 5.8 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.2%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 74 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

