

# chateau TUMBLEWEED

## 2018 Deep Sky Vineyard Malbec

### Background:

We've had the chance to work with a few varietals from Deep Sky Vineyard in the past (mostly while working for other wineries) and have always been impressed with the fruit quality and meticulousness of the vineyard. 2018 marks our third year sourcing this Malbec, and we hope to continue working with the Asmundson family well into the future. While this wine has big, inviting aromatics, it's surprisingly restrained and juicy on the palate with a spectacular finish of lavender, cassis, ripe plum, cigar box and fine, grippy tannins. Only three barrels produced.

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

*Willcox AVA – Cochise County*

95% Malbec from Deep Sky Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 13th

5% Malbec from Carlson Creek Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 15th

*Sugar at harvest: 24.6 Brix*

### Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to open-top, 3/4-ton bins.

Lot was left ~10% whole cluster.

Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (MT & BDX).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 4 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 10 days skin contact.

Settled 2 days before barreling.

### Aging:

Aged 5 months in 33% new French (Giraud Cooperage) and

67% neutral oak barrels. Aged another 13 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfinned.

### Stats:

pH: 3.83

TA: 5.6 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.0%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 74 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

