

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2018 Sierra Bonita Vineyard Roussanne

Background:

This is our first year working with fruit from Sierra Bonita Vineyard. It's located north of Willcox in Graham County and is a slightly cooler site where fruit ripens two or three weeks later than it does south of Willcox in Kansas Settlement. We sourced 7 different varietals from the vineyard in 2018 and one of the biggest surprises was this Roussanne. It comes from a tiny block that produced less than one ton in 2018, but the wine is amazing. The aromatics are so intense and the acidity is so focused, we had to bottle this little lot by itself. We think this might just be one of the best Roussannes we've ever tasted! Only 45 cases produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA

100% Roussanne from Sierra Bonita Vineyard. Graham County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested on Sept. 18th

Sugar at harvest: 22.7 Brix.

Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster.

Juice then settled 48 hours, racked and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (R4600).

Fermented in stainless steel at 55F for 18 days.

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 unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.56

TA: 6.5 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.7%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 45 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

