

# chateau TUMBLEWEED

## 2019 Cimarron Vineyard Syrah

### Background:

We've been working with Cimarron Syrah for seven vintages now, and it's become a real staple in our cellar. Not only does this wine make its way into a couple of our important blends, we always pull our favorite two or three barrels for a vineyard/variety designate. It's become such a reliable old pal that we sometimes forget what amazing wine this stuff actually makes. With its dark, brooding fruit, green spice, floral notes of lavender and its dense tannins, Cimarron regularly puts out one of the most complex and complete Syrahs we've seen in Arizona to-date. Only two barrels produced.

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

*Willcox AVA – Cochise County*

100% Syrah from Cimarron Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 22nd

*Sugar at harvest: 25.0 Brix.*

### Cellar Notes:

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

Lot was left ~25% whole cluster.

Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Clos, D254 & UV43).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 2 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 10 days skin contact.

Settled 3 days before barreling.

### Aging:

Aged 11 months in 50% 3-year-old French (Ermitage Cooperage) and 50% neutral oak barrels.

Twice racked. Filtered, but unfin.

### Stats:

pH: 3.83

TA: 5.8 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.3%

Production: 49 cases

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

