

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2019 Cimarron Vineyard Tempranillo

Background:

We've been working with Todd & Kelly Bostock's beautiful Tempranillo for seven 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 some newer oak barrels for added notes of spice, maple, smoke and a marked roundness on the palate. Only 3 barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ

97% Tempranillo from Cimarron Vineyard.

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

2% Cabernet Franc from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

Graham County, AZ. 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested Oct. 2nd

1% Malbec from Deep Sky Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 20th

Sugar at harvest: 24.5 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 (Ionys WF, T73 & VRB).

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 18 months in 33% 3-year-old French (Alain Fouquet Cooperage),

33% 3-year-old Hungarian (Dargaud et Jaegle Cooperage) and

34% neutral oak barrels.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.87

TA: 5.9 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.5%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 74 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

