

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2019 Cousin Idd

Background:

Cousin Idd's composition has changed from vintage to vintage, but the goal has always been the same: to make a delicious and complex blend of Bordeaux varietals with focused, spicy red fruit and a harmonious tension between acid and tannin. This year, the darker fruit and bigger tannins of Cabernet Sauvignon are accented by the rich, plummy, floral characters of Malbec and a vibrant streak of red fruit, juicy acidity and green spice from Cabernet Franc. This is a food-friendly wine that will evolve beautifully over the next 5+ years. 19 barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA - Arizona

27% Cabernet Sauvignon from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

Graham County, AZ. 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 31st

16% Cabernet Sauvignon from Carlson Creek Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 18th

21% Malbec from Carlson Creek Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Oct. 2nd

11% Malbec from Deep Sky Vineyard.

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

25% Cabernet Franc from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

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

Sugar at harvest: 24.4 Brix average.

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to open-top, 3/4-ton bins. All varietals except Malbec were left 25% whole cluster. Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (BDX, MT, BM45, VRB, Clos, T73 & UV43). Hand punched 3-4 times daily. Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 5 Brix. Pressed at dryness after 11 days average skin contact. Settled 2 days average before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 5 months in 5% 1-year-old French (Giraud Cooperage), 50% 3-year-old French (Francois Freres and LeGrand Cooperages) and 45% neutral oak barrels. Aged another 6 months in 10% 1-year-old French (Giraud & Marsannay Cooperages), 50% 3-year-old French (Francois Freres and LeGrand Cooperages) and 40% neutral oak barrels. Twice racked. Filtered, but unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.81

TA: 5.7 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.6%

Production: 480 cases

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

