

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2019 Deep Sky Vineyard Malbec

Background:

We'd been impressed by the meticulousness and fruit quality at Deep Sky Vineyard before we even started making wine for Chateau Tumbleweed (way back in 2012!). This vintage marks our fourth 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. This is some classic and classy Malbec! Only three barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County

97% Malbec from Deep Sky Vineyard.

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

2% Cabernet Franc from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

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

1% Cabernet Sauvignon from Carlson Creek Vineyard.

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

Sugar at harvest: 24.1 Brix

Cellar Notes:

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

Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (MT, T73 & BDX).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 2 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 10 days skin contact.

Settled 2 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 4 months in 33% 1-year-old French (Marchive Cooperage), 33%

3-year-old Russian (Seguin Moreau Cooperage) & 34% neutral oak barrels.

Aged another 14 months in 33% 3-year-old Russian (Seguin Moreau Cooperage) & 67% neutral oak barrels.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.82

TA: 5.7 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.9%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 74 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

