

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2019 The Descendants

Background:

Now in its second year as a blend of 100% Rhone varietals, the 2019 Descendants has a base of Roussanne from two different vineyards. The Sierra Bonita Vineyard lends brighter fruit and acidity while the Colibri Vineyard gives a subtle note of soft melon and a streak of minerality. Deep Sky Vineyard Viognier has long been a part of this blend and once again brings its classic notes of white blossom, quince and pear. The Addition of Grenache Blanc contributes more juicy acidity and a twist of citrus character. The blend was aged partly in stainless steel and partly in neutral oak barrels to round out its fresh acidity. This is a complex and refreshing wine suited for any occasion.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Arizona

25% Roussanne from Colibri Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 5,200 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 31st

23% Roussanne from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

Graham County, AZ. 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 7th

36% Viognier from Deep Sky Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 17th

16% Grenache Blanc from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

Graham County, AZ. 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 22nd

Sugar at harvest: 22.6 Brix average.

Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster. Juice then settled 48 hours, racked and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhone4600, QA23, Sensy). All lots fermented separately in stainless steel at 55 F for 18 days average. Malolactic fermentation inhibited.

Aging:

Aged 4 months in stainless steel and 2 months in 100% neutral French oak (without lees stirring). This wine saw only minimal cold-stabilization, did NOT undergo heat-stabilization and is filtered, but unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.45

TA: 6.0 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.3%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 360 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

