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2019 Sierra Bonita Vineyard Roussanne

Background:

This is our second year working with fruit from Sierra Bonita Vineyard. It's located north of Willcox in Graham County and is a slightly cooler site where fruit ripens two or three weeks later than it does south of Willcox in Kansas Settlement. We sourced 11 different varietals from the vineyard in 2019 and once again this Roussanne stands out. It comes from a tiny block that produces less than 2 tons every year, but the wine is amazing. The aromatics are so intense and the acidity is so focused, we had to bottle some of it by itself again. We think this might just be one of the best Roussannes we've ever tasted! Only 49 cases produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Graham County

100% Roussanne from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

Graham County, AZ. 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested on Sept. 8th

Sugar at harvest: 22.2 Brix.

Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster.

Juice then settled 48 hours, racked and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (QA23 & Sensy). Fermented in stainless steel at 55F for 23 days.

Malolactic fermentation inhibited.

Aging:

Aged 4 months in stainless steel and 2 months in 100% 4-year-old French oak (without lees stirring).

This wine saw only minimal cold-stabilization, did NOT undergo heat-stabilization and is filtered, but unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.47

TA: 6.5 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.2%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 49 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

