

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2020 Cimarron Vineyard Tempranillo

Background:

We've been working with Todd & Kelly Bostock's beautiful Tempranillo for the past eight years now, and it has proven itself to make a consistently excellent wine with a spectacular balance of power and finesse. While most of this wine goes into blends every year (mostly Earth Cuckoo and Willy), we hold the best three barrels for extended aging and single-varietal bottling. This wine is always a big hit in the tasting room and a reliable old friend in the cellar. 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. 9th

2% Graciano from Rhumb Line Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 24th

1% Sangiovese from Carlson Creek Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 21st

Sugar at harvest: 24.7 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to open-top, $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton bins. Lot was left ~25% whole cluster. Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Ionys WF & Clos). Hand punched 3-4 times daily. Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 1 Brix. Pressed at dryness after 11 days skin contact. Settled 1 day before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 5 months in 100% neutral oak barrels. Aged another 13 months in 33% new French (Alain Fouquet Cooperage) and 67% neutral oak barrels.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.76

TA: 5.9 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.7%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 74 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

