

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2020 Dos Padres Vineyard Vermentino

Background:

The Dos Padres Vineyard, planted in 2011, sits across Oak Creek from Page Springs Cellars and provides that winery with a number of interesting white varietals. We feel extremely fortunate that PSC owner (and our former boss!) Eric Glomski has been willing to sell us a small amount of Vermentino from this vineyard for the past four years now. This fruit always makes a beautiful, austere wine with a delicate citrus/melon character, subtle restraint and a minerality so characteristic of that small part of the Oak Creek Valley. This is some special fruit and we're so grateful to be able to share it with you. Only 88 cases produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Yavapai County, Arizona

100% Vermentino from Dos Padres Vineyard.

Yavapai County, AZ. 3,500 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 22nd

Sugar at harvest: 22.5 Brix.

Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster.

Juice then settled 48 hours, racked and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (QA23).

Fermented in stainless steel at 55 F for 28 days.

Malolactic fermentation inhibited.

Aging:

Aged 5 months in stainless steel and 1 month in 100% neutral French oak barrels (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: 5.8 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.2%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 88 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

