

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2020 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 fifth 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, AZ

96% Malbec from Deep Sky Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested on Aug. 30th

4% Cabernet Sauvignon from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

Graham County, AZ. 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 23rd

Sugar at harvest: 24.0 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to an open-top, 1.5-ton bin.

Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (BDX).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 3 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 11 days skin contact.

Settled 3 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 5 months in 67% 2-year-old French (Marchive & Damy Cooperages) and 33% neutral oak barrels. Aged another 13 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfinned.

Stats:

pH: 3.77

TA: 5.7 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.9%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 74 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

