

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2021 Carlson Creek Vineyard Sangiovese

Background:

We source a handful of varietals from the Carlson family every year and we're always impressed by the intense aromatics we see in the reds from their vineyard. Their Sangiovese is usually one of the driving forces behind LeBlend, and, in more bountiful years, we try to peel a little off for vineyard and varietal designation. 2021 was a rough vintage for some varietals, but this Sangio hung in like a champ -- it might be our best vintage of CCV Sangio yet! It has the trademark Carlson Creek aromatic depth, but it's still light and zippy with a delicious Bing cherry character accentuated by a light savory note and a delicate touch of newer French oak. Spend a little time with this one – it's so pretty!! Only 3 barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ

100% Sangiovese from Carlson Creek Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 16th

Sugar at harvest: 24.3 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to open-top, 3/4-ton bins.

Lot was left ~25% whole cluster.

Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (BM45, Clos & Tango).

Hand-punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 6 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 10 days skin contact.

Settled 2 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 11 months in 33% 2-year-old French (Ermitage Cooperage) and 67% neutral oak barrels.

Twice racked. Filtered, but unfinned.

Stats:

pH: 3.78

TA: 5.4 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.9%

Production: 74 cases

Drink now or cellar 4+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

