

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2021 Cimarron Vineyard Cabernet Franc

Background:

It isn't every year that Todd and Kelly Bostock have extra Cab Franc at Cimarron Vineyard that they can offer us. And in years when we don't have enough Bordeaux wines to make Cousin Idd without it, this Cab Franc has been a sacrificial lamb for a greater good. But we're always excited when we do have enough of this amazing varietal from this special vineyard that we can share some with you. We love Cab Franc at Chateau Tumbleweed and think our AZ climates make some pretty cool expressions of it. This wine is classic Cimarron and classic Cab Franc with a near perfect balance of spice and bright red fruit along with a delicious interplay of acid and tannin. It was meant for food and should age well over the next few years. Only two barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ

98% Cabernet Franc from Cimarron Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested on Aug. 29th

1% Merlot from Buhl Memorial Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 8th

1% Tempranillo from Cimarron Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 25th

Sugar at harvest: 24.6 Brix

Cellar Notes:

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

Lot was left ~25% whole cluster.

Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (MT).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 9 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 12 days skin contact.

Settled 2 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 5 months in 50% new French (Ermitage Cooperage) and 50% neutral oak barrels. Aged another 13 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfinned.

Stats:

pH: 3.86

TA: 5.8 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.7%

Production: 49 cases

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

