

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2021 Cimarron Vineyard Tempranillo

Background:

We've been working with Todd & Kelly Bostock's beautiful Tempranillo for the past nine 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 (or four this year!) 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 4 barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ

100% 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 open-top, ³/₄-ton bins.

Lot was left ~20% whole cluster. Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (VRB, Clos, T73 & Persy).

Hand punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 4 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 9 days skin contact.

Settled 3 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 18 months in 25% new Hungarian (Dargaud et Jaegle Cooperage) and 75% neutral oak barrels.

Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfinned.

Stats:

pH: 3.93

TA: 5.7 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.6%

Drink now or cellar 5+ years

Production: 99 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

