

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2021 Dos Amigos Vineyard Tempranillo

Background:

We've been sourcing fruit from Cimarron Vineyard for the last nine years now, and there's so much we appreciate about working with Todd & Kelly Bostock and their special site. One of the many factors that sets their vineyard apart is their Vineyard Manager, Juan Alba. He came to AZ in the early 2000's to start Cimarron with his old boss, Oregon Pinot Noir Pioneer Dick Erath. Juan has been tending that land since then and has also started a couple other projects along the way. He planted a small vineyard near Elfrida that now serves as the foundation for Los Milics winery and he also has a new vineyard in Willcox called Dos Amigos – our newest source. We were able to tinker with a few varietals from Dos Amigos this year and it's even more proof that Juan is one of Arizona's best growers. This Tempranillo looked just as beautiful as the stuff we get from Cimarron, but it's a couple notches bolder and more intense. It's exciting to finally see another great AZ Tempranillo at Chateau Tumbleweed! Only three barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ

99% Tempranillo from Dos Amigos Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 5th

1% Tempranillo from Cimarron Vineyard.

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

Sugar at harvest: 23.3 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to open-top, 3/4- and 1.5-ton bins. Lot was left ~25% whole cluster. Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (VRB & Rhone2056). Hand punched 3-4 times daily. Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 2 Brix. Pressed at dryness after 9 days skin contact. Settled 1 day before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 5 months in 100% neutral oak barrels. Aged another 13 months in 33% new Eastern European (Billon Cooperage) and 67% neutral oak barrels. Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfinned.

Stats:

pH: 3.89

TA: 5.4 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 74 cases

Drink now or cellar 6+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

