

# chateau TUMBLEWEED

## 2022 Miss Sandy Jones

### Background:

Miss Sandy Jones has evolved slightly over the years along with our fruit sourcing. Chardonnay has always been at the base of this blend, and most years it's a combination of Chard from two different vineyards. We had a hard time finding enough in 2022, so Carlson Creek Vineyard is our solo Chardonnay component this year, contributing its spicy melon to the nose and richness to the palate. Malvasia Bianca from Dos Amigos Vineyard kicks up the tropical and floral aromatics, while Sauvignon Blanc from the Sierra Bonita Vineyard lends citrus notes and a bracing acidity to balance the softer side of Chardonnay. Roussanne and Grenache Blanc add notes of honeydew, tangerine and another layer of gracefulness to the palate. This is a complex and balanced wine suited for any occasion!

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

*Willcox AVA – Arizona*

**34% Chardonnay** from Carlson Creek Vineyard.

*Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested on Aug. 24th*

**24% Malvasia Bianca** from Dos Amigos Vineyard.

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**19% Sauvignon Blanc** from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

*Graham County, AZ, 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested on Aug. 11th*

**14% Roussanne** from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

*Graham County, AZ, 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested on Sept. 6th*

**9% Grenache Blanc** from Sierra Bonita Vineyard.

*Graham County, AZ, 4,400 ft. elevation. Harvested on Sept. 8th*

*Sugar at harvest: 22.1 Brix average.*

### Cellar Notes:

All varietals pressed whole-cluster. Juice then settled 48 hours, racked and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhône4600, QA23, R-HST & OKAY).

Fermented in stainless steel at 55 F for 25 days average.

Malolactic fermentation inhibited.

### Aging:

Aged 6 months in stainless steel (without lees stirring).

This wine saw only minimal cold-stabilization, did NOT undergo heat-stabilization and is filtered, but unfined.

### Stats:

pH: 3.50

TA: 6.2 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.5%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 365 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

