

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2023 Dos Amigos Vineyard Syrah

Background:

We've been sourcing fruit from Cimarron Vineyard for the last 11 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 now owned by Los Milics and he also has a newer vineyard in Willcox called Dos Amigos. We've gotten to know the DAV Syrah a little better over the past few years. It has a little more tannic grip than the Cimarron Syrah and an interesting green-pepper spice that adds another element of complexity to an already layered wine. This Syrah will definitely reward those with the patience (and will power) to age it a few years! Only four barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ

97% Syrah from Dos Amigos Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Sept. 2nd

Sugar at harvest: 24.6 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 (D80, Ionys WF & Clos).

Hand-punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 6 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 11 days skin contact.

Settled 2 days before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 11 months in 25% 2-year-old French (Damy Cooperage) and 75% neutral oak barrels. Twice racked. Filtered, but unfined.

Stats:

pH: 3.85

TA: 5.7 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.2%

Drink now or cellar 6+ years

Production: 99 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

