

# chateau TUMBLEWEED

## 2020 Carlson Creek Vineyard Sangiovese

### Background:

We source a handful of varietals from the Carlson family every year and we're always impressed by the intense aromatics we see in the reds from their vineyard. Their Sangiovese is usually one of the driving forces behind LeBlend, and, in more bountiful years, we try to peel a little off for vineyard and varietal designation. 2020 might be one of the best Sangio vintages we've seen from CCV. The wine is light and zippy with a vivid Bing cherry character accentuated by a light savory note and a delicate touch of newer French oak. Spend a little time with this one – it's so pretty!! Only 2 barrels produced.

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

*Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ*

*99% Sangiovese from Carlson Creek Vineyard.*

*Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 21st*

*1% Sangiovese from Edge of the Vine Vineyard.*

*Yavapai County, AZ, 3,500 ft. elevation. Harvested Aug. 13th*

*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 (BM45, BRL97 & BDX).

Hand-punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 2 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 10 days skin contact.

Settled 3 days before barreling.

### Aging:

Aged 5 months in 50% 2-year-old French (Ermitage Cooperage) and 50% neutral oak barrels.

Aged another 6 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.

Twice racked. Filtered, but unfinned.

### Stats:

pH: 3.80

TA: 5.8 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 49 cases

Drink now or cellar 4+ years

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

