

# chateau TUMBLEWEED

## 2021 <sup>Dos Amigos Vineyard</sup> Picpoul Blanc

### Background:

Since we opened the winery in 2015, our Picpoul Blanc has been one of our most popular wines. It usually sells out in a couple months. That's mostly because it's delicious, but also because we'd only been able to source one ton (60 cases) of this varietal from Cimarron Vineyard every year. Imagine our delight when we recently discovered that Cimarron Vineyard Manager Juan Alba has his own planting of Picpoul just coming on line. We were able to make a lot of delicious Picpoul this year and we're hopeful for even more next year! This wine has a bright, lemony character and razor-sharp acidity, which is a perfect pairing for a hot AZ day. Unlike the 2021 Picpoul from Cimarron Vineyard, these grapes were picked a little riper (around 22 Brix instead of 20) and we allowed this one to complete fermentation leaving no residual sugar. We're so happy to have more great Picpoul in the cellar!

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

*Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ*

**100% Picpoul Blanc** from *Dos Amigos Vineyard*.

*Cochise County, AZ, 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested on Sept. 10th & 12th*

*Sugar at harvest: 22.1 Brix.*

### Cellar Notes:

Pressed whole-cluster.

Juice then settled 48 hours, racked and inoculated with specially selected yeasts (Rhone4600). Fermented in stainless steel at 55 F for 21 days.

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: 3.20

TA: 6.1 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 13.5%

Drink within 1-2 years

Production: 175 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

