

chateau TUMBLEWEED

2022 Deep Sky Vineyard Malbec

Background:

We'd been impressed by the meticulousness and fruit quality at Deep Sky Vineyard before we even started making wine for Chateau Tumbleweed. Since then, we've been fortunate to be one of the few occasional recipients of the Asmundson family's Malbec – and it's always a consistent favorite. While this wine has big, inviting aromatics, it's surprisingly restrained and juicy on the palate with a spectacular finish of lavender, cassis, ripe plum, cigar box and fine, grippy tannins. This is some classic and classy Malbec! Only four barrels produced.

Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ

97+% Malbec from Deep Sky Vineyard.

Cochise County, AZ. 4,300 ft. elevation. Harvested on Sept. 20th

Sugar at harvest: 25.6 Brix

Cellar Notes:

Destemmed but not crushed to open-top, 3/4-ton bins.
Inoculated with specially selected yeasts (BDX, Tango, V1116).
Hand punched 3-4 times daily.
Inoculated with Malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 5 Brix.
Pressed at dryness after 10 days skin contact.
Settled 1 day before barreling.

Aging:

Aged 10 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.
Aged another 8 months in 25% 2-year-old French (Dargaud ét Jaeglé Cooperage) and 75% neutral oak barrels.
Thrice racked. Filtered, but unfinned.

Stats:

pH: 3.89
TA: 5.7 g/L
RS: <0.10%
Alcohol: 15.5%
Drink now or cellar 5+ years
Production: 99 cases
Winemaker: Joe Bechard

