

# chateau TUMBLEWEED

## 2023 Dos Amigos Vineyard Tannat

### Background:

We've been sourcing fruit from Cimarron Vineyard for the last eleven 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 also has a newer vineyard in Willcox called Dos Amigos. This delicious wine has the dark, chewy fruit and tannic grab you expect from Tannat, but also a surprising vibrancy on the palate – truly a beautiful balance of power and finesse. We're fairly confident before we even bottle this wine that it's going to find plenty of fans! Only five barrels produced.

### Varietal Composition and Appellation/Fruit Sourcing:

*Willcox AVA – Cochise County, AZ*

**96% Tannat** from *Dos Amigos Vineyard*.

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

*Sugar at harvest: 24.7 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 (RC212, Clos, UV43 & V1116).

Hand-punched 3-4 times daily.

Inoculated with malolactic bacteria (Omega) around 2 Brix.

Pressed at dryness after 11 days skin contact.

Settled 1 day before barreling.

### Aging:

Aged 5 months in 20% new Eastern European (European Coopers) and 80% neutral oak barrels. Aged another 6 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.

Twice racked. Filtered, but unfiltered.

### Stats:

pH: 3.96

TA: 5.7 g/L

RS: <0.10%

Alcohol: 14.5%

Drink now or cellar 6+ years

Production: 124 cases

Winemaker: Joe Bechard

