

Pillsbury Wine Company

2015 "Sweet Lies" Symphony



Winery

After 30 years of making movies in New Zealand and Los Angeles, Sam Pillsbury turned his hand to wine making. Convinced that the Willcox, Arizona, altitude, geology and climate were perfect for making wine, he purchased land, planted grapevines and started to make some. Sam's wines are unapologetically good wines. Often when Arizona wines are presented, they include apologies for the quality (Arizona is still learning how to make wine) or cost (it's expensive getting going in a new region). Neither of these excuses are needed for Pillsbury Wines.

Vineyard

Pillsbury grapes come from their 100 acre, sustainable vineyard of 14,000 vines. The Winery is right on the vineyard, in what is now the Willcox AVA, in Cochise County Arizona, not far from Tombstone. The elevation is 4350 ft, with the average hottest temperature, 100 degrees, in the summer, dropping to 60 degrees at night. The winter temps are below freezing, with intermittent snow. The soil is well-drained igneous alluvial sandy loam, with a thin layer of caliche at 3 to 4 ft. The vines are irrigated with using low flow emitters. The water comes from their 325 foot deep wells.

Description

Sam has railed against cheap sweet wines for years, and now this his attempt to make something that compares to *those wonderful German Ausleses, French Sauternes, or fabulous Ice Wines*. It seems to explode out of the glass with exotic tropical fruit fragrance. Enjoy this single vineyard high altitude grown wine as a sipper or try with cheeses or desserts. Serve chilled.

Naming

Symphony is a hybrid varietal developed at University of California, Davis. It is a cross between Grenache Gris and Muscat of Alexandria. This wine is also labeled "Sweet Lies" for reasons that Sam is not revealing!

Winemaking

Made from is a single vineyard high-altitude desert grown wine, naturally fermented. 130 cases (375ml bottles)

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