

Pillsbury Wine Company

2016 "Diva" Red Blend



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

This is the Pillsbury Wine Company flagship Rhône blend. Fragrant and intense, this wine will pair with red meats, rich stews, or best of all, Elk or Venison with a berry reduction. Serve cool.

Naming

This wine is also named "Diva" because it is the star of the wines, and because a NZ friend's charming daughter is named "Diva"!

Winemaking

A tradition blend of Rhône varietals, this vintage has, 40% Syrah, 40% Petite Sirah and 20% Grenache. All the fruit was Estate grown, hand-picked from their high desert organic vines and aged 18 months in neutral oak. 250 cases

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