

Pillsbury Wine Company

2017 Grenache Reserve



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

It has a fragrant red candy nose but is bone dry with a complex mid-palate and a long finish, rounding out crisp and clean. Try with any delicate red meats, grilled salmon, or just sip a glass. Serve cool.

Winemaking

This Estate grown wine was hand-picked from Pillsbury high desert vines and aged 18 months in neutral oak. 172 cases.

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