

Pillsbury Wine Company

2017 Viognier



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

With a fragrant tropical flower nose, this wine has hints of lime, quince, and peach, finishing with a clean, wet slate minerality. Try with delicate seafood, like pan fried snapper with a mango salsa, or with any salad with pine nuts and some light fruit. Serve lightly chilled.

Winemaking

This high desert Estate grown wine was handpicked from the Pillsbury Estate Vineyards, whole bunch pressed, fermented with wild and cultured yeasts with partial malolactic fermentation. It is aged in 80% neutral oak and 20% stainless steel. 248 cases.

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