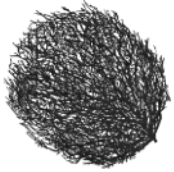# Space Park Enology Club presents
Chateau Tumbleweed Winery
A virtual event with winemaker/co-owner **Joe Bechard**
Friday, January 19th at 7:30 pm, via Zoom

We are excited to step out of our California wine comfort zone and bring you an event that may surprise many of you. It turns out that Arizona is producing some great wines and Chateau Tumbleweed is one of its brightest stars.

Located in Clarkdale, Arizona, this fun and unconventional member of the Verde Valley Wine consortium has set out to break the mold and stamp out all of those stuffy winery stereotypes to boot. According to Kris Pothier, co-owner of Chateau Tumbleweed, "*We take our winemaking seriously, but we laugh at ourselves. We are building a business from a lot of love, and it attracts love to us*."

Kris and her then future husband, Joe Bechard, came from Oregon and started working at Page Springs Cellars (another member of the Verde Valley Wine Consortium) in 2008. That is where they met Kim Koistinen and Jeff Hendricks, their future business partners.

Realizing that the wine industry in Arizona was taking off, the four partners marshalled their complementary skills in vineyard management, winemaking, business management, and winery operations to create Chateau Tumbleweed. In 2011, the first vintage of Chateau Tumbleweed produced a mere 75 cases. The winery has grown markedly since then and now produces 5500 cases a year with grapes from the Wilcox and Verde Valley AVAs. Kris and Joe have never lost sight of the impetus behind it, nor their origin story.

At this point in the story, the obvious question is: *Where did the name Chateau Tumbleweed come from?*

True to form, the answer from Kris merits a chuckle: "*We blew in and got stuck in the fence of Arizona wine.*"

Kris & Joe have given us several options for purchasing wine for our virtual tasting event:
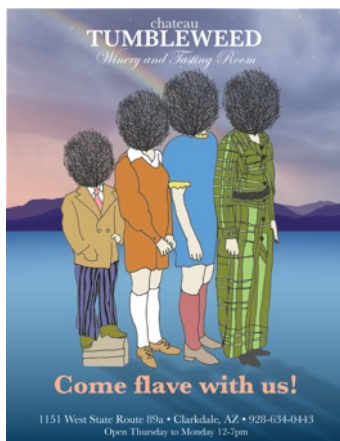
We Will Taste Wines In This Order	Retail	w/20% disc.
2021 Willy (Grenache Blend)	**$35**	**$28**
2020 Dr. Ron Bot (Mourvèdre Blend)	**$30**	**$24**
2020 Cimarron Vineyard Sangiovese	**$40**	**$32**
2021 Cimarron Vineyard Montepulciano	**$55**	**$44**

Including 9.5% LA County tax & $15 shipping:

Purchase the first 3 wines for $106.98
Purchase all 4 wines for $155.16

Additional wines purchased will also receive a 20% discount and a flat $15 shipping fee!

Order wines from the Chateau Tumbleweed website no later than Sunday January 14th to ensure timely delivery:

https://chateautumbleweed.com/Products/Red-Wines.

Minimum 3-bottle order is required. Use code ENOCLUB anytime through January 31st for discounts which apply to any wine on their website.

No bundles have been created so **select the wines from the above table** if you want to follow along with our virtual tasting. However, you can select any combination of 3 or more bottles from their site and enter the Coupon Code **ENOCLUB** at checkout to receive the **20% discount and $15 flat shipping**. Credit cards will not be charged until your wine ships via UPS. If you have questions, contact the winery at (928) 634-0443, or email at kris@chateautumbleweed.com.

Zoom Meeting ID, link and password will be sent no later than the day before the event and only to the participants who have registered on our website. Wine purchase is not required to join this free event.

To receive the Zoom link, register on our Enology Club website by Wednesday, January 17th:

http://spenology.org/schedule.php