

CADUCEUS CELLARS & MERKIN VINEYARDS

Merkin 2022 Chupacabra Rosa

Varieties: Grenache, Carignon

Vineyard: Buhl Memorial Vineyard, Willcox, Cochise County, AZ

Elevation: 4300 ft.

Soil: The site is 80 acres, with 60 planted, 20 of those in 1982—one of the oldest vineyards in post-prohibition Arizona. The soils here provide glimpses of past volcanic eruptions, faulting, erosion, and the ancient Pedregosa Sea.

Notes: Site blend from our southern Arizona vineyards. Latest bud break on record. Monsoon conditions started a month early with record rainfall. Cool temperatures slowed ripening for a long harvest.

Alcohol: 12.5%

Winemaker: M.J. Keenan

Impressions: At first seeming sweet, then proceeding clean and taught like a fresh fruit salad. With an exceptional ability to pair with anything set down on the table, this pink favorite will bring sunshine to your glass, no matter the weather...