

CADUCEUS CELLARS & MERKIN VINEYARDS

Merkin 2022 Shinola

Varieties: 70% Sangiovese, 20% Montepulciano, 10% Barbera

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.

Alcohol: 12.25%

Winemaker: M.J. Keenan

Impressions: Draws a mental picture of a cornucopia of fruits and berries—ruby red grapefruit, honeydew melon, and baked Granny Smith apples with lemon, cinnamon, and nutmeg; as well as mulberries, cranberries, raspberries, and cherries...