

# CADUCEUS CELLARS & MERKIN VINEYARDS

## **Merkin** 2022 Shinola Orancia

**Variety:** Malvasia Bianca

**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:** The latest bud break on record preceded a hot spring free of heat spikes. Monsoon conditions started a month early with record rainfall during ripening. Then cool temperatures slowed ripening leading to a long harvest.

**Alcohol:** 11%

**Winemaker:** M.J. Keenan

**Impressions:** This skin-fermented white conjures passionate imaginings of honeysuckle, tangelo zest, roses in youthful bloom, golden pear, Meyer lemon, Florida oranges, key lime pie, and tropical sunshine at the beach...