

SCULPTERRA 2017 STATUESQUE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Petite Sirah, & 29% Syrah

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate & Eugene Alonso Vineyard

Blocks: Autopista, Lago De Los Patos, & Gene From the Village

Finished Alcohol: 15.6%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.05 g/100ml

Total Acid: 0.69 g/100ml

pH: 3.70

Bottling Date: February 20, 2019

Release Date: September 1, 2020

Total Production: 685 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Sculpterra's 2017 Statuesque showcases three unique varieties that taste tremendously well when blended together, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, and Syrah. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah are grown on the Frankel Family Estate Vineyard, located just east of downtown Paso Robles and part of the newly formed "Geneseo" Sub-AVA. The Cabernet is grown on the hilltop block where extremes in temperatures make for fruit forward wines with fantastic color and tannin. The Petite Sirah is grown in the property's valley vineyard where cooler temperatures produces floral and gentle aromas that showcase themselves wonderfully in the wine. Finally, the Syrah is grown on the neighboring Eugene Alonso Vineyard. This vineyard yields less than a half a ton per acre. Thus, the resulting wine is super concentrated, dark in color and rich with lush tasting dark berry and plum flavors. 2017 was a terrific growing year for high quality Paso Robles wine as we were blessed with great weather all year.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit for this unique blend was whole clustered destemmed at our small on-site winery. Each variety fermented separately from one another and we fermented a portion of the wine in new 500L puncheon barrels. Specific yeast strains were selected to ferment each variety, giving the lots unique taste and mouthfeel. The wine fermented to dryness in 2 weeks, followed by pressing, settling, and barreling down for long-term aging. We aged the wine in many new barrels including French, Hungarian and American Oak. The woody flavors are very much in the foreground of the wine and express a lot of smoke, BBQ aromas, and roasted qualities. In total the wine aged in 56% new oak barrels and was bottled after a total of fourteen months. We bottled 685 cases and the wine will be officially released to our wine club members on September 1st 2020.

THE TASTE

What an amazing wine from start to finish, I am sincerely proud and delighted with how well this wine is showing right now! This wine expresses lots of oaky taste, yet remains focused on its red-fruit backbone and ends with restrained tannins that finish soft in the mouth. Black plum, dark chocolate, spice cake and even mineral aromas show on the nose of this blend. It's rich and thick on the palate, with strong black-currant and licorice flavors that are prominently expressed with power and grace. I get a smattering of candied boysenberry, white pepper and hints of thyme-crust pot roast aromas. Very complex wood notes are woven throughout the wine's long finish. Overall this wine is very expressive and floral, with flavors of violet, rose petal and black-plum skins. Drink it upon release but also don't be shy to cellar this one for a good ten years or more, because it's built to age.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker