

SCULPTERRA 2016 GRENACHE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:

92% Grenache & 8% Petite Sirah

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family &
San Miguel Vineyards

Finished Alcohol: 14.0%

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

Total Acid: 0.71 g/100ml

pH: 3.62

Bottling Date: May 24, 2017

Release Date: February 1, 2018

Total Production: 604 Cases

THE VINTAGE

Grenache is a fantastic wine produced by Sculpterra Winery each year. It's a great light to medium bodied red wine with fruity taste combined with a rich finish. 2016 was a solid growing season and the wines produced are balanced and approachable. We did not have early season frost, nor extensive summer heat. Overall, this growing season was temperate leading to good harvest with healthy clean clusters. This wine is a blend of two Grenache vineyards; our estate grown Grenache in the "El Libro" block, and Rafael Jimenez vineyard in the hills of west side San Miguel. Both vineyard climates are different therefore creating unique tasting grapes. Sculpterra's Grenache vineyard is planted in a steep terraced hill on the ridgeline and produces fruity/fragrant wines with ample acidity. Rafael's Grenache vineyard is planted on a east side slope and sees extensive afternoon sunlight resulting in wines with tropical fruits and higher alcohol.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit is hand picked and processed at our on-site winery. The berries are destemmed and the fruit ferments as whole berries. We believe in minimal winemaking interaction, which lets the wine be as expressive as it can possibly be. We ferment the wine exclusively in half-ton bins, which is very crucial to control the fermentation temperature. Fermentation for each lot took approximately 12 days, followed by extraction of the free run juice and pressing of the skins. The wine was aged in neutral barrels for a total of 7 months. We blended eight percent Petite Sirah into the wine at bottling, giving the wine enhanced color, and dense texture. In total 605 cases were bottled with a schedule release coming in early 2018.

THE TASTE

Sculpterra's 2016 Grenache is complex with sparkling fruit and layered textures throughout the palate. It's packed with tastes of raspberry and boysenberry fruit, along with floral notes of purple flowers, vanilla, clove, and cream with aromas of Christmas spice fragrant on the nose. Matured in used French barrels, mostly 500L size, this wine shows touches of toast and cedar alongside tart, fruit notes with tropical punch qualities. It's medium-bodied and lightly tannic, with crisp acid that lingers to the finish. Drink 2018 - 2020.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker