

# SCULPTERRA 2018 VIOGNIER

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



## THE FACTS

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Viognier  
**Appellation:** Paso Robles  
**Vineyard:** Frankel Family & Sukhy's Home Ranch  
**Finished Alcohol:** 16.3%  
**Residual Sugar(G/F):** 0.72 g/100ml  
**Total Acid:** 0.69 g/100ml  
**pH:** 3.58  
**Bottling Date:** March 6, 2019  
**Release Date:** December 1, 2019  
**Total Production:** 1,500 Cases

## THE VINEYARD

Sculpterra's 2018 Viognier is one of the very best Viognier Paso Robles has to offer! It's full-bodied, fruity, and lush, containing pleasant acidity and guaranteed to please all senses. 2018 marks the tenth vintage for our Viognier vineyard and the vines are surely in their best years. The vines match perfectly with the soil and climate of east side Paso Robles. Most notably flavors of melon, cantaloupe and white flowers abound in this wonderful vineyard. We also sourced Viognier fruit for this wine from another notable vineyard, Suky Suran's home ranch. This vineyard topography is extremely steep, with terraced rows and dangerous terrain. The vines are high-density planted in rows that are only four feet wide. This method of planting limits the vine's crop load and ensures balanced uniformity throughout the block. The 2018 growing season saw a cool start of summer followed by an extreme heat at the end and a hotter than average fall season, allowing the Viognier to easily reach peak ripeness.

## THE WINEMAKING

The grapes were one hundred percent hand picked in the early hours of the morning and taken straight to the winery for pressing and cold settling of the juice. The fruit was whole berry pressed upon coming to the winery and cold soaked for 48 hours before racking clean to ferment. The wine fermented without the presence of the skins giving the hue a wonderfully classic, clear and golden tinge. Yeast BA-11 was selected for its inherit nature in expressing increased aromas of fruit, while yeast ICV-D254 was chosen for its enhanced structure and elegant finish in the completed wine. The juice from each vineyard fermented in separate tanks over the course of one and a half months before racking together and bottling in early March 2019.

## THE TASTE

Our 2018 vintage Viognier is a standout wine; well-balanced and very strongly fruit driven. The aromas are substantial, with notes of melon, white flower, and subtle notes of pear. The super ripe fruit is coupled with perfect acidity with hints of minerality playing throughout the pallet. The apricot and peach flavors are full bodied and easy drinking, with developed flavors that are rounded with a warm finish. It delivers a lot of appeal to a broad audience. Viognier is certainly Paso Robles' very best white wine variety. Drink this wine upon release but it is worth noting that it can age for years to come.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker