

SCULPTERRA 2015 CABERNET FRANC

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:
100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation: Paso Robles
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate
Block: Lago De Los Patos
Finished Alcohol: 16.0%
Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.02 g/100ml
Total Acid: .69 g/100ml
pH: 3.75
Bottling Date: August 16, 2017
Release Date: December 1, 2018
Total Production: 100 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Sculpterra's Cabernet Franc is a highly desirable wine featuring both tannic taste and dark fruit flavors. The vineyard is located on the Frankel Family Estate right in front of the Sculpterra tasting room and sculpture garden. This 1.5-acre vineyard was established in 2005 and is well known to be one of the best Cabernet Franc vineyards in Paso Robles Geneseo District. The vines are pruned in early January to promote speedy bud break and limited to just two shoots per spur. 2015 was an excellent growing season especially for Cabernet Franc. The hot spring and summer accelerated harvest to its earliest date ever, September 11th 2015. We average less than three tons per acre for the season formulating the berries to be super concentrated with thick skins and low pulp.

THE WINEMAKING

The hand picked clusters were brought to Sculpterra's on site winery for immediate processing. The berries were whole berry destemmed not crushed, which makes the wine naturally fruity tasting and balanced. Right away we took note of the juice's dark color! Yeast T73 was selected for its inherent ability to increase the wine's color, spicy bouquet, and long pleasing finish. The fermentation took less than twelve days followed by pressing and settling before racking down the wine into 500L Puncheon barrels. The barrels were topped and tasted every two weeks and aged for a total of 20 months in barrel, making it our longest barrel aged wine at Sculpterra.

THE TASTE

This 100% varietal Cabernet Franc contains classic black cherry, black olive and licorice aromas. It's hard to find a varietal Cab Franc that is as drinkable as this one! This wine is lovely and satisfies those folks that love a big, bold, dry and dark fruit driven Cabernet Franc. The fruit flavors are emphasized with light oak spiciness and a firm, fine-grained tannic structure. The nose is of black plums and berries that pave the way for flavors of blueberry pie, pomegranate and chocolate. There's a slight hint of cedar and pine making each sip a savory sensation. The acid is prominent throughout the taste of the wine and the refined tannins uncover its bright lengthy finish. It will age for at least ten years in your cellar.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker