

SCULPTERRA 2016 STATUESQUE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Syrah, & 33% Petite Sirah

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate & Carriage Vineyards

Blocks: Hillside, Northern Vineyard, & Lago De Los Patos

Finished Alcohol: 14.2%

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

Total Acid: .69 g/100ml

pH: 3.65

Bottling Date: February 21, 2018

Release Date: September 1, 2019

Total Production: 510 Cases

THE VINEYARD

As the name suggests, this wine is undeniably full-bodied, layered with character, and it commands your attention! It finishes both stylish and smooth, showcasing the art of blending three drastically different grapes together. Statuesque is our most popular blend, for 8 years running. The blend is comprised of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petite Sirah, which were sourced from three unique Paso Robles Vineyards. The Cabernet is located on-site at the Frankel Family Vineyard's Hilltop block. The soils are a mix of sand and gravel, and hot summer days matured the fruit with ease. Syrah, grown in the neighboring Carriage Vineyards, is most notably known for its amazingly steep terracing that makes for light tonnage and small berries. The final ingredient, Petite Sirah, is grown again at Frankel Vineyards but in a tiny one and half acre vineyard block named "Lago De Los Patos."

THE WINEMAKING

All grapes were hand picked and delivered to the winery in half-ton bins ready for immediate processing. We destemmed the berries and whole-berry fermented each lot separately. We even used 500L new Puncheon barrels during the fermentation process. We directly fermented the must in these new barrels, which greatly increased the wine's color, texture and finish. The wines fermented for two weeks followed by the removal of the free-run juice, pressing, then racking into barrels. We aged the wine in 76 percent new oak in a combination of American and Hungarian wood. This new barrel treatment added loads of oaky aromas and textures to the wine. Flavors, like cedar, vanilla, dark chocolate, coffee, and even maple! We barrel aged the wine for a total of 14 months before final blending, filtering, and bottling in February of 2018.

THE TASTE

I love this wine's immense flavors and mouth feel! It comes across daring and masculine yet ends with silkier subtle flavors that entice you to have another sip. Crushed blackberry and cherry mingle with black pepper and toasted oak on the nose. Sensory notes of violets, red berries, even smoked meat all seamlessly marry together in a wine packed with potency! Give it some air and you'll discover even more bramble fruit that bursts onto the palate transforming into big, drying tannins that are balanced by a touch of acidity and a long, herbal and cherry-cola finish. Drink now through 2025.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker