

# SCULPTERRA 2015 MAQUETTE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



## THE FACTS

### Varietal Composition:

50% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
25% Cabernet Franc, & 25% Merlot

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Vineyard:** Frankel Family Estate

**Block:** Chivos, Puerta Electrica, Lago  
De Los Patos, & Hillside

**Finished Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Residual Sugar(G/F):** 0.01 g/100ml

**Total Acid:** .66 g/100ml

**pH:** 3.70

**Bottling Date:** May 25, 2017

**Release Date:** December 1, 2018

**Total Production:** 540 Cases

## THE VINEYARD

2015 was an exceptional year for Sculpterra's estate grown Bordeaux grapes! The influence of climate, soil and weather fashioned balanced wines with both full fruity taste and balanced acidity. Maquette in French means "mock up," or "miniature." Maquettes are used when the artist renders a small-scale sculpture before finalizing the larger one. Sculpterra sells beautiful bronze Maquette sculptures in the tasting room and therefore we use its name for our classic Bordeaux blend. The wine is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc, and 25% Merlot. The fruit grown on the Frankel Family Estate is meticulously hand manicured; from pruning, shoot thinning, removing excess clusters and hand picking. We harvest the grapes in six unique lots, enhancing the wine's pronounced complexity.

## THE WINEMAKING

All lots were processed at the Sculpterra's onsite winery. We specialize in keeping each picked lot separated, allowing us to use a variety of yeast strains and oak profiles. This wine is a blend of two Cabernet Sauvignon lots, one Cabernet Franc lot, and two Merlot lots. The "Chivos" Cabernet Sauvignon lot was aged in new French Oak by Doreau cooperage. These French barrels add mocha, coffee, and vanilla flavors and increase the length and savory taste in the wine. Furthermore, the wine aged for a total of 18 months in barrel, which allowed for the proper softening and absolute oak integration.

## THE TASTE

Our 2015 Maquette is one hundred percent estate grown, featuring Bordeaux grapes. It's muscular and lushly layered, yet contains outstanding berry flavors. Primary zests begin with spicy black pepper and tobacco notes accented by a delicate touch of violet bouquets, all supported by firm mature tannins. Blackberry notes are present in this wine's dark fruit aromas. There is also a noticeable raspberry and dark cherry fruit aftertaste, accented with minty tobacco and smoky oak. Optimum cellar time 2020 - 2025.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker