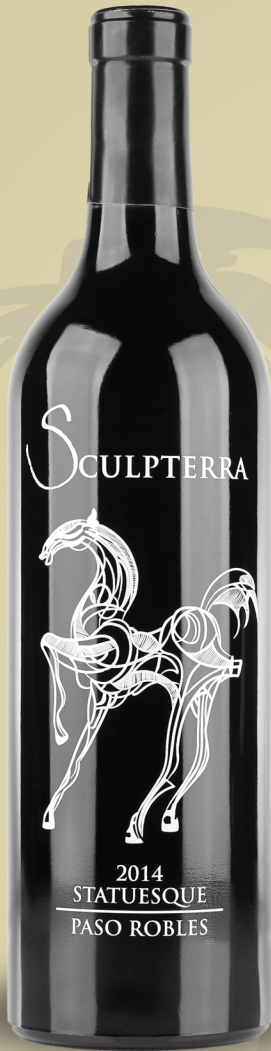


SCULPTERRA 2014 STATUESQUE

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: 15.2%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.03g/100ml

Total Acid: .69 g/100ml

pH: 3.72

Bottling Date: February 18, 2016

Release Date: September 1, 2017

Total Production: 420 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Statuesque; a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petite Sirah is Sculpterra's trademark blend. This wine is larger than life! Aged in 78% new oak it really shows off the complexity of American and Hungarian Oak barrels. The fruit is sourced from 2 vineyards, Frankel Family Estate and Carriage Vineyards, and only the best blocks are used from each vineyard. Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah are estate grown on the Frankel Family Estate. The Cabernet is grown on the 14-acre Hilltop planting that delivers ripe taste and spicy flavors. The Petite Sirah is grown on the 1.5-acre vineyard located in the Lago De Lo Patos block. This Petite Sirah is always a monster wine, super dark, heavy in tannins, and age-able. The Syrah grapes are grown on the Northern Vineyard on the Carriage Estate Vineyards in Templeton. This fruit is unique with flavors of mint, cedar, vanilla and chocolate plums. 2014 was a near perfect growing season with balanced crop loads and early ripening. We averaged three tons per acre on these three varietals and harvested each varietal in October.

THE WINEMAKING

All of the fruit for this blend was whole berry destemmed and fermented in new 500L Puncheon barrels at Sculpterra Winery. In fact, the same barrels were used for aging as well as fermentation. Pressing was conducted post fermentation using a tiny half-ton basket press. The Hilltop Cab was aged in in three barrels, two of which were new Hungarian barrels, adding smoke and toast to the jammy wine. Syrah was fermented and aged in three barrels, and again two of them were new Hungarian barrels, adding flavors of vanilla and cedar to the wine. And finally the Petite Sirah was aged in three barrels, two of which were new American barrels, giving the wine a strong mouth feel and bouquets of coffee, graham cracker, mocha and roasted nuts.

THE TASTE

2014 Statuesque is a massive wine, full of fruit and spice and built to age. Right up front the flavors are deep and rich in this bold, full-bodied and mouth watering blend. It greets you with a strong fragrance of molasses, Bing cherries, and black plums, and tastes as if saturated with black currants and cherries with a layer of fine-grained tannin. The aromas are expressive with notes of ripe berries and herbs along with spice accents. The dark fruit and licorice flavors are tightly wound with a core of firm tannins and lively acids. This wine will age for 5 plus years tasting at its best 2020 and beyond!

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker