

# SCULPTERRA 2013 MAQUETTE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



## THE FACTS

**Varietal Composition:** 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc, 25% Merlot  
**Appellation:** Paso Robles  
**Vineyard:** Frankel Family Estate  
**Block:** Chivos, Puerta Electrica, Lago De Los Patos, & Hillside  
**Finished Alcohol:** 14.6%  
**Residual Sugar(G/F):** 0.03 g/100ml  
**Total Acid:** .65 g/100ml  
**pH:** 3.70  
**Bottling Date:** May 21, 2015  
**Release Date:** December 1, 2016  
**Total Production:** 359 Cases

## THE VINEYARD

2013 Maquette is a wonderful testament to the power and grace of the Paso Robles' Bordeaux wine grapes. The wine is both big in fruity aromas and rich in earthy bouquets. 100% of the fruit was grown on the Frankel Family Estate and features multiples vineyards located around the property. The Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the Hillside planting and two locations on the Valley Floor, Merlot was also grown on the Hilltop, while the Cabernet Franc is found on a young vineyard in front of the winery. 2013 was a solid growing season, the lack of rain pushed bud break to the earliest we've seen on the property. The winter was warm, the spring was hot and the summer was a scorcher! The vines benefited in all this warm weather and as expected the harvest began early.

## THE WINEMAKING

This blend is complex and compact! The blend includes three estate Cabernet Sauvignon lots, one lot of Cabernet Franc, and one lot of Merlot. All winemaking took place at Sculpterra's on site winery, The crush, followed by fermentation, pressing and racking were conducted with extreme care and cleanliness to ensure the grapes maintain a pure flavor. Each lot was intentionally kept separate so that the each one could be treated a little differently. For example, the Merlot was fermented with yeast ICV-D254, promoting color, tannins, and strawberry like flavors. The Cabernet Franc was fermented with yeast T-73, known for its mineral vibe and blackberry bouquets. This wine aged in 50% new oak giving it depth, rich structure and toasted smoke on the finish.

## THE TASTE

Our 2013 Bordeaux Blend "Maquette" is a wine worth cellaring for many years to come. It's ripe with intense fruity flavors, rich in tailored tannins, and finishes round and easy. Oaky, toasty and spicy, this thick, massive blend is packed with berries, cherries, plums and chocolate. Cabernet Sauvignon brings flavors of cherry, white pepper, and chocolate, the Cabernet Franc adds meaty tannins to the beautiful blueberry, plum and blackberry fruit notes, and the Merlot adds hints of coffee, black tea, and earth. It's most comparable to the 2010 Maquette where the aromas gleamed through over the earthy spice notes.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker