

# SCULPTERRA 2019 STATUESQUE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



## THE FACTS

**Varietal Composition:** 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Syrah, & 32% Petite Sirah

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Vineyard:** Frankel Family Estate & Eugene Alonso Vineyard

**Blocks:** Autopista, Lago De Los Patos, & Gene From the Village

**Finished Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Residual Sugar(G/F):** 0.12 g/100ml

**Total Acid:** 0.64 g/100ml

**pH:** 3.69

**Bottling Date:** February 17, 2021

**Release Date:** September 1, 2022

**Total Production:** 675 Cases

## THE VINEYARD

This unique blend is an amalgamation of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petite Sirah. Three varietals with great distinctive taste but when blended together create an even greater experience! 2019 was a solid grape growing season and we were very pleased with the quality of the grapes. The Cabernet fruit was sourced from our hilltop block, featuring dramatic slopes, steep rows, and sandy soils. This vineyard typically ripens early and has no problem making high sugar content. The vineyard is deficit-drip irrigated therefore the berries stay tiny and the resulting juice is dark and concentrated with ripe cherry flavors. Syrah is limited to only 1 ton per acre making this wine heavy and intense. Finally, the Petite Sirah is grown on the “Lago De Los Patos” Block. This unique valley vineyard features lateral cross arms that elevate the fruit to ripen in the sun. All three varietals were hand-picked and delivered to the winery for processing in individual lots.

## THE WINEMAKING

All fruit was destemmed, fermented, and pressed at Sculpterra’s small winery in the middle of the 265-acre ranch. Fermentation was accomplished in both new 500L open top fermentation barrels as well as small stainless tanks. Pump overs and punch downs were limited to twice a day and in total the wines fermented for no more and 21 days. The blend of barrel fermentation with tank fermentation creates immense complex tastes to the varieties in this blend. We drained the fermentation tanks of the “free run” juice then followed with pressing of the skins with our old-world half ton hydraulic basket press. Pressing was limited to 1.5 bars, imparting more delicate bouquets and soft textures. We aged the wine in 22% new American and Hungarian Oak barrels. These medium and heavy toasted barrels yield dark roasted flavors to the wine as well as a perceived sweet finish. In total the wine aged for 16 months before bottling in mid-February 2021.

## THE TASTE

Statuesque is Sculpterra’s trademark full-bodied blend. Combining Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petite Sirah; this blend is super unique in flavor, mouthfeel and finish. Darkly roasted taste of bacon, walnut, smoke and fire, then fruit flavors of blueberry and cherry are followed by bouquets of rose-petal and lavender. It’s rich and dense on the palate, where dark berries and nutmeg converge atop a full finish that offers chalky and dusty tannins. Petite Sirah adds a pronounced violet perfume accent, Syrah and Cabernet add blackberry and black licorice flavors. Matured for 16 months in many new 500L Hungarian and American Oak barrels. This oak is certainly forward in this wine, offering plenty of toasted notes that demonstrate vanilla with dark chocolate taste. The tannins are firm and young, and you can give this wine plenty of time for best results. This wine should reach its best by the year 2026.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker