

PRESENTS:

HÉROE

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
EL PASO DE ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

THE VINEYARD

Héroé wines are made by Sculpterra Winery in Paso Robles, California, and honor the vineyard and winery workers. Uga Zatarian, featured on the front label of the bottle, was Sculpterra's finest and hardest working vineyard laborer. Uga retired in 2011 and moved home to Mexico. Now the Héroé label lives on and pays tribute to him as well as all the workers who continue to do anything and everything needed to help grow and make the best wines imaginable. 2018 was a delightful year for growing Cabernet Sauvignon in Paso Robles, and especially remarkable for Frankel Family Estate Vineyards. The vines produced a perfect 4 tons per acre, yields were balanced with solid canopy growth and perfect spacing between each cluster. The fruit ripened with ease and was harvested at the optimal ripeness of 26.0 BRIX.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit was harvested overnight in one lot and delivered to the winery at sunrise for immediate crush. The wine fermented for 18 days until complete dryness was achieved and confirmed both by taste and laboratory analysis. Pressing took place over two days, followed by settling and racking into barrels for long-term storage. The wine was aged for 10 months in 240L American oak barrels, of which 20% were new. These new barrels provided deep, dark coffee and chocolate flavors as well as inserting a fair amount of oak tannin into the wine. This new oak also aided in the structure and mouthfeel of the wine's chalky and puckering taste.

THE TASTE

This wine is known for showcasing elements of spice, basil leaf and mineral qualities that express themselves wonderfully in this charming wine. It opens up with brambly blackberry, followed by strawberry and darker tones of roasted almonds and toasted oak. It's animated with earthy tones yet powerfully structured and dazzling in bright red fruits and dried herbs. Overall, this wine is soft and supple, giving forth elements of blueberry and a dash of mocha coffee. It certainly has a broad appeal with terrific palate balance and finesse in its lingering finish.

THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation: Paso Robles
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate
pH: 3.77
TA: 0.69
RS: 0.68
ALC: 14.5%
Total Production: 1,200 cases (750ml Bottles)
Bottling Date: August 20, 2019
Release Date: June 1, 2020

