



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Puerta Electrica, Bentley Ironworks, & Autopista

Finished Alcohol: 14.5%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.02 g/100ml

Total Acid: .67 g/100ml

pH: 3.67

Bottling Date: May 15, 2019

Release Date: December 1, 2020

Total Production: 720 Cases

THE VINEYARD

2017 will be remembered as an outstanding year for Frankel Vineyard's Cabernet Sauvignon. The perfect growing season led to a long and balanced harvest, producing Cabernets of exquisite taste, texture and flavor. This vintage combines four Cab blocks from the 265-acre ranch at Frankel Vineyards. Combining fruit from the hilltop and valley floor created complex flavors, silky tannins and a rich, savory finish. The vines were hand pruned, shoot thinned, suckered and limited to only 3-4 tons per acre. The resulting berries were tiny and thick-skinned, releasing dark color to the wine with intense opulent flavors. The vines are root-deficit irrigated, meaning that watering only occurs in the peak of spring and summer. The vineyard soils are a varied mix of limestone, small stone, and rocky areas, with mostly a clay-loam profile. Harvest began in the middle of October and was completed by the first of November.

THE WINEMAKING

The harvested Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked at night and delivered to the winery at sunrise. Harvesting at night ensures that the fruit is cold, fresh, and the best quality for high end winemaking. The grapes were processed with extreme care and minimal intervention. Each of the four lots were destemmed and fermented on the skins for 2-3 weeks, depending on initial sugar levels and yeast selected. We pressed the skins using our micro basket press, just half a ton at a time. We aged the wine in a combination of new and used barrels. World Cooperage's 'SOLEI' barrels were used for their aggressive oak impact, imparting molasses, vanilla and caramel tastes into the wine. The wine aged for 18 months in barrel before being bottled in May 2019.

THE TASTE

With its dense texture and intense ripe flavors, this 100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is an impressively powerful wine that delights from start to finish. Wholly ripe flavors of dark blueberry are concentrated with layers of tannins that are well integrated now but will improve with cellaring time. Characteristics of tart cherry, red currant and ground black pepper combine to create a nuanced palate in this wonderful wine. Chocolatey oak shows first on the palate, with blackberry and spiced plum accenting the finish. You can enjoy this wine upon release but don't be misled, this wine will age for 10 or more years to come!

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker