

PRESENTS:

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
EL PASO DE ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

THE VINEYARD

Héroé wines are made by Sculpterra Winery in Paso Robles California, a label that honors the vineyard and winery workers. Lugardo "Uga" Zatarian, featured on the front label of this bottle, was Sculpterra's finest and hardest working vineyard worker. He loved being in vineyard and tending to the grapes, but his passion was to taste the young wine and rejoice in the fruits of his labor. Uga retired in 2011 and moved home to Mexico, now the Héroé label pays tribute to all workers who continue working in our vineyards. 2019 was certainly the best grape growing year of the decade. Good off-season rains paved the way to a mild spring and hot summer which extended the fall picking well into November. These late-season grapes developed superior phenolic compounds and heightened dark fruit aromas.

THE WINEMAKING

This wine was made from our "Puerta Electrica" block, and was the very last grapes harvested at Frankel Vineyard's in 2019. In fact, these grapes were harvest the day after a hard fall freeze. This freeze dropped all remaining leaves on the vines, leaving only the grape clusters to hang from the canes. The results of this were amazing! The berries were concentrated, super sweet, showing about 30% raisins and contained amazingly deep fruity tastes. The grapes were destemmed and fermented in a temperature controlled stainless tank. Yeast ICV-D254 was chosen to ferment the crushed grapes due to its ability to enhance varietal characteristics, bring out the juice's natural color, and to stabilize the grape's tannins and dark berry taste. The wine aged in 240L American Oak barrels, and 20% of them were brand new thin stave medium and medium plus toast barrels. These new barrels imparted rich flavors of dark chocolate, almonds, and bacon.

THE TASTE

This traditionally made Cabernet Sauvignon shows off ripe red fruits, smoked oak and lingering acidity. The mid-palate is juicy, offering dense structure, rich smoothness and a lasting tone of baking spice. There's a unique floral note that is well pronounced in the wine's aroma. I love the marriage of oak barrel spices with fresh ripe strawberry jam taste and dark-chocolate bouquets. The finish is long and flavorful and this wine calls for a good Italian pasta dish with black peppered chicken. Overall, the tannins are moderate and the finish is very balanced and charming. Best through 2023.

THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation: Paso Robles
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate
pH: 3.81
TA: 0.69
RS: 0.55
ALC: 14.5%
Total Production: 1,250 cases (750ml Bottles)
Bottling Date: August 26, 2020
Release Date: December 1, 2021

