

SCULPTERRA

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE FACTS

Appellation: Paso Robles
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate
Autopista & Bomba Vieja
Finished Alcohol: 13.2%
Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.01 g/100ml
Total Acid: 0.63 g/100ml
pH: 3.58
Bottling Date: May 15, 2025
Release Date: December 1, 2026
Total Production: 1,475 Cases

THE VINEYARD

2023 saw 28" of rain that transformed the soils and recharged our depleted aquifer. The below average spring and summer temperatures made for a long ripening season. This extra time developed unique aromatics, phenolics, and increased juice color. These 2 Cabernet Sauvignon Vineyards were harvested on November 3rd and 9th; making it the latest harvest in 8 years for our vineyards. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 2 different Frankel Vineyards. Autopista is our 14-acre Hilltop Cab block and features sandy-loam soils with lots of sun exposure and steep terrain. Bomba Vieja block is located on our valley floor, a flat section of vineyard that sees the coldest temperatures on the land and has a high deposit of rocky and heavy clay soils. Both vineyards are root deficit irrigated and limited to three tons per acre. The trellis features catch wires that further expose the fruit to light and lift the green canopy off the grapes.

THE WINEMAKING

The harvest was so clean and precise, we went right to tank with the berries and added yeast for fermentation. We fermented Bomba Vieja with ICVD-21, a yeast known for its "terrior" and earthy component. We used yeast ICVD-254 for Autopista because it adds structure while highlighting jammy fruit notes. Bomba Vieja was aged in 500L once and twice used barrels, adding subtle notes of oaky smoke and cedar taste to the dark and intense wine. Autopista was aged in a combination of new and used barrels with both 225L and 500L size. The new barrels are limited release TRUST Cooperage Cabernet Collection 225L Hungarian and American Oak barrels. These barrels are coarser than tight-grain, making oxygen transfer much slower with an increase of wood tannins.

THE TASTE

Its aromas play around with notes of dark chocolate, plum, blackberries, marshmallow, espresso, smoke and cedar. Then this stylish medium to heavy-bodied wine covers the palate in a smooth and graceful black cherry fruit before finishing with an oaky aftertaste. Powerful and deep in taste, this wine is also of great value as a big Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine has deep layers of dark violet and chocolate-strawberry adding blackcurrant flavors with fine-grained supple tannins. Texture is what truly sets this wine apart, it lingers on the tongue and provides a long and lengthy finish. Tastes great straight off the bottling line! It's destined to be enjoyed young but also has a long future as it age.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker