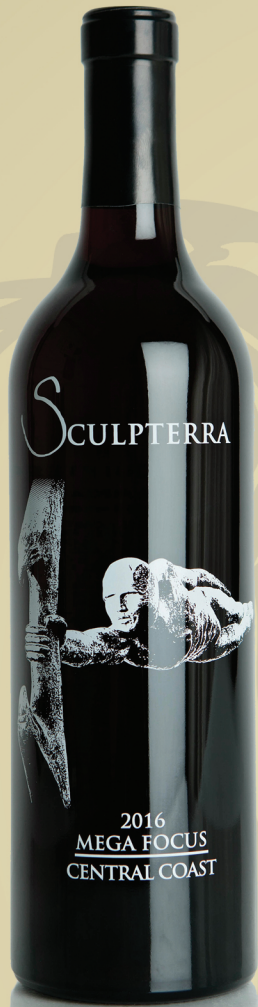


SCULPTERRA 2016 MEGA FOCUS

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 59% Grenache, 26% Mourvèdre, & 15% Syrah

Appellation: Central Coast

Vineyard: San Miguel Vineyard, Indian Valley Vineyard, Eugen Alfonso, & Frankel Family Estate

Block: Sol Para Todos, El Libro, Rio Chicho, Gene's Village, & Lago De Los Patos

Finished Alcohol: 14.0%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.03 g/100ml

Total Acid: .68 g/100ml

pH: 3.62

Bottling Date: December 13, 2017

Release Date: September 1, 2018

Total Production: 840 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Sculpterra's "GMS," Mega Focus, is a wonderfully crafted blend with a plethora of fruit driven aromas and a delightful collection of peppery bouquets. The wine is a blend of 3 varieties, Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Four vineyards were harvested in the conception of this balanced and stimulating wine. Grenache was grown in 2 vineyards; The Frankel's own "El Libro" block and Rafael's San Miguel Vineyard called, "Sol Para Todos." The Syrah was also harvested in 2 vineyards; Gene's Village located on Penman Springs Road and Rio Chicho out in Indian Valley Vineyards. Finally, the Mourvèdre was grown on-site at the Frankel Family Estate Ranch and is a true standout on the property. The hot summer of 2016 was great for our Rhone varietals, ripening the fruit early, and with ease. The crop loads were balanced and the grapes natural acidity was made evident in the resulting wine.

THE WINEMAKING

All fruit was destemmed, fermented, pressed and barrel aged at Sculpterra Winery, aging for a total of 14 months before bottling. This wine is a combination of 4 unique lots with 2 lots of Grenache, 2 lots of Syrah and 1 lot of Mourvèdre. Starting with Grenache, Rafael's bring the strawberry and layers of pomegranate notes, while El Libro Grenache brings some root beer notes with candied cherry, but pale in color. The Syrah lots are drastically different from each other! Rio Chicho Syrah is light to medium bodied with classic plum and violet. However, the Gene's Village Syrah is a totally different animal! It's super dark, tannic to the core with mouth drying tart berry aromas. Mourvèdre is tropical, lush and evenly structured making it the perfect partner in the finishing of this wine.

THE TASTE

Aged in mostly 500L Puncheon, it displays mesmerizingly pure aromas of raspberry, dried herbs and calls for a pot roast pairing. This complex wine offers subdued aromas of rosemary, cherry, cigar box and peppery spices. The palate shows exquisite freshness and cleanliness, flavors are refined and elegant, evenly textured and detailed, demonstrating a deliberate sense of balance and a lengthy finish. Let it breathe for a good 2 hours before partaking in this masterful creation! It will age for 5 plus years, improving in texture and tannin development.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker