

SCULPTERRA 2019 PETITE SIRAH

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:

100% Petite Sirah

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Lago De Los Patos
& Kathy's Forest

Finished Alcohol: 15.3%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.05 g/100ml

Total Acid: 0.66 g/100ml

pH: 3.68

Bottling Date: August 18, 2021

Release Date: December 1, 2021

Total Production: 400 Cases

THE VINTAGE

The 100% Petite Sirah is sourced from “Lago De Los Patos” and “Kathy’s Forest” vineyard on the Frankel Family Estate. The vines were planted back in 2003 and have now reached the age of maturity where flavors are consistent each vintage. What makes our vines unique is the use of crossarms in the vineyard trellis. We pin up the shoots on both sides during the growing season allowing sunlight and wind to enter into the canopy, this is a great help in ripening the fruit. Also, we dropped a large percentage of the crop in June, we clipped off the cluster’s shoulder and/or wings, giving the cluster more space to grow and become ripe. The vines are drip irrigated and we only give the vines water when absolutely needed during spring and summer heat spikes. All grapes are handpicked starting at 3:00am and taken to the winery for immediate processing.

THE WINEMAKING

The grapes were processed at Sculpterra Winery as one lot of wine. This wine is 100% Petite Sirah and shows itself to be complex, rich, rugged and ageable. The crushed grapes cold soaked for 36 hours, enabling more color extraction from the grape skins. Pump over and punchdowns were limited to twice daily, allowing more whole berries to ferment from the inside out. Fermentation took place in both new 500L Puncheon oak barrels as well as small stainless tanks. Both of these styles of fermentation aid in creating unique textures. Pressing was conducted with an “Old World” style basket press. Right away it was easy to see that this dark wine would be powerful, driven with tannins and feature an intense mouthfeel. The wine aged exclusively in American Oak barrels, 40% were new barrels and gave the wine increased notes of smoke, caramel and dark chocolate. In total 12 barrels were filled and aged for 22 months, before bottling into 750ml bottles on August 18th 2021.

THE TASTE

Sculpterra’s 2019 Petite Sirah is a huge tasting wine, coated with loads of dark fruit tones and rich chocolate accents. Exceptional complexity and nuance are what make this full-bodied, deep and opaque wine such a standout. The color is amazing! It’s hard to imagine a wine as dark as this one. Enchanting bouquets of earthy spice, cigar, and blackberry syrup lead to layered blueberry pie and woody BBQ flavors. The wine finishes on a velvety layer of fine-grained tannins that covers the palate. The taste is deeply saturated and immensely concentrated. Again, the wine is tannic and dry, but still comes off velvety and generous. Touches of vanilla and lavender help guide this wine’s finish. Best through at least 2030.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker