

SCULPTERRA 2015 PETITE SIRAH

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:

100% Petite Sirah

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Lago De Los Patos

Finished Alcohol: 15.1%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.01 g/100ml

Total Acid: .70 g/100ml

pH: 3.70

Bottling Date: August 16, 2017

Release Date: December 1, 2019

Total Production: 100 Cases

THE VINTAGE

2015 marks another vintage of tremendously bold and richly layered Sculpterra Petite Sirah! This 100% Petite Sirah is grown on the Frankel Family Estate, located on the north west end of the Frankel Family Estate in a small block called, "Lago De Los Patos." This vineyard is so small that Sculpterra only makes Petite Sirah during the best vintage and 2015 was one of those years! The vineyard is a perfect setting to grow amazing Petite Sirah. The vines are vertically trained-spur pruned and the canopy is pinned up on either side with twelve and eighteen inch cross arms. Our vineyard crew dropped all the secondary clusters as well as the "wings," and "shoulders," which directly concentrated the intensity of the berries.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit was harvested in 2 lots named "Biblia" and "Dos Juntos", a ripe lot and a even riper lot! This multiple lot fermentation gave me the opportunity to use two different yeast strains and different oak barrels. The wine was aged in 100% new American Oak of two different cooperages; AP Johns and Seguin Moreau. The two AP Johns barrels are 300L Northern Appellation barrels, heavy and medium toast and provide dense tannins with caramel, candied walnut and smoke taste. The Seguin Moreau barrel is one 500L heavy toast u-stave barrel, designed for ultra oak extraction and powerful toasted notes of cedar and nutmeg. The blend of the barrel types is magnificent and perfectly compound with intense flavors. The wine aged for 22 months total and only 100 cases were bottled.

THE TASTE

This wine is outstanding! It's everything that makes Petite Sirah great. It's meaty, spicy, dark in color, tannic, yet finishes long and smooth. I love the opaque color and just how overpowering it is. Lilac and olallieberry notes are enriched by tobacco spice and white pepper on the nose of this limited Petite Sirah bottling. It's oaky and juicy on the palate, while showing blackberry and blueberry fruit, accented with lavender and fastened with balanced long tannins. Char, vanilla and cherry-chocolate mark the finish. It's a wine meant to age a lifetime. Keep it cellared for five years before enjoying its full effect.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker