

# SCULPTERRA

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

## 2020 SAUVIGNON BLANC



### THE VINEYARD

2020 was a most challenging year for grape growing in California. Fires, heat waves and supply chain shortages made for a stressful grape growing season. But there is good news...the wines came out fantastically, and this one is proof! This 2020 Sauvignon Blanc is super crisp and refreshing, yet layered with an assortment of ripe citrus fruit. It's ready to drink right from bottling and of course calls for a good chilling. This wine is a testament to the resilience of our vineyards, as the vines were unaffected by weeks of thick smoke and weeks following of extreme summer heat. The vineyard located on the east end of Paso Robles is characterized by rocky soils, undulating terrain, and dramatic temperature shifts from day to night. The fruit was hand-picked at night and came in earlier than ever, mainly due to excessive heat in July and August. The crop load was average to heavy and was very uniform and ripened evenly.

### THE WINEMAKING

As with each year, the grapes are harvested overnight and delivered to the winery at daybreak. The clusters were then whole berry pressed releasing the sweet juice into a settling tank. We elected to press only to 1.5 bar, meaning we conducted a gentle press extraction avoiding harsh flavor components. The juice tasted amazing right off the press, packed with orange and lemon flavors. After this the wine settled for three days before racking and transferring to a clean stainless tank for the beginning of fermentation. The wine fermented for a full 30 days, as the tank was temperature controlled to not exceed 55 degrees F. Post fermentation, we racked the wine again and transferred it to a new stainless tank for 2 months of aging before bottling the wine on December 17th 2020. It was apparent that this wine needed to be bottled young with minimal age and oxygen exposure. It's an incredibly fruity and fresh wine, and bottling early captured the best taste possible.

### THE FACTS

**Varietal Composition:**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc  
**Appellation:** 100% Paso Robles  
**Finished Alcohol:** 13.2%  
**Residual Sugar(G/F):** 0.20 g/100ml  
**Total Acid:** 0.65 g/100ml  
**pH:** 3.55  
**Bottling Date:** December 17, 2020  
**Release Date:** January 1, 2021  
**Total Production:** 672 Cases

### THE TASTE

Sculpterra's 2020 Sauvignon Blanc delivers a bright nose and a blast of fresh lemon, grapefruit and other pleasant citrus flavors. The wine is framed well with a lustrous and a juicy palate, yet is tangy with a high level of fresh acidity. Fruity aromas such as tangerine and pomelo wrap up on the wine's clean finish. This wine certainly shows all the attributes of a ripe Paso Robles' Sauvignon Blanc, but still contains firm natural acidity on the finish. This wine aged 100% in a stainless steel tank and displays a lovely finesse and is easily recognizable as a great tasting young wine. The wine is ready to drink, enjoy!

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker