

PRESENTS:

2020 VIOGNIER
EL PASO DE ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

THE VINEYARD

Sculpterra Winery has been producing Viognier since 2008 and the estate grown vines are hitting their prime years. Frankel Vineyard Estate vines contain cross-arms and are used on both sides of the vines canopy in order to pin off green shoots, exposing the fruit to plentiful sunlight and wind. Also, we sourced a portion of the fruit from Sukhy Suran Home Ranch off Creston Road in Paso Robles, also located in the "El Pomar" Sub AVA. Sukhy's vines are planted in 2 x 4 foot spacing, making it one of the highest density vineyards in the area. The resulting grapes are concentrated and packed with high tone fruit characteristics. Héroe wines are dedicated to the vineyard and winemaking team at Sculpterra Winery. Year after year the soil is farmed by an amazing group of hard-working individuals, who truly have a love for the land.

THE WINEMAKING

2020 Héroe Viognier is a blend of two hand harvested vineyards; Frankel Family Estate and Sukhy Suran Home Ranch. We harvested both vineyards at night to ensure a cool pick of the grapes. The grapes were picked in half ton macro bins and transported to the winery at daybreak for immediate pressing and extracting of the juice. We lightly pressed the skin, not exceeding 1.5 bars, and the clear cold juice settled for 2 days before transferring and fermenting could begin. Yeast BA-11 was chosen to ferment the Sukhy Viognier lot for its ability to enhance varietal character and freshness. BA-11 also contributes a small amount of spice and earthy notes to the finished wine. Yeast ICVD-254 was used to ferment the Frankel Vineyards Viognier, and chosen primary for its ability to ferment high alcohol wines while bringing forth stone fruit and passion fruit flavors in the wine.

THE TASTE

2020 Héroe Viognier shows off wonderful flavors of stone fruits. It combines elements of minerality with subtle spice notes. Héroe wines are made to be ready to be opened upon bottling and this one is unquestionably a great tasting young wine! At first glance the wine is fairly fruit driven, but then it opens up into complex flavors of honeydew and apricots. Easy aromas of peach, nectarine and honeysuckle gather with lemon peel on the nose while the taste is very mouthwatering. Overall, the palate is fresh and youthful, offering slight apple and pear flavors above a persistent acidity that guides the mouthfeel. Drink now through 2021 for best tasting results.

THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 100% Viognier
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate & Sukhy's Home Ranch
pH: 3.42
TA: 0.72
RS: 0.65
ALC: 14.6%
Case Production: 630 Cases (750ml bottles)
Bottling Date: February 23, 2021

