

SCULPTERRA 2016 MAQUETTE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon,
19% Cabernet Franc, 19% Merlot,
& 2% Petit Verdot

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Chivos, Puerta Electrica, Hillside,
Lago De Los Patos, & Kathy's Forest

Finished Alcohol: 13.8%

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

Total Acid: .65 g/100ml

pH: 3.71

Bottling Date: May 24, 2018

Release Date: December 1, 2019

Total Production: 785 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Made with 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 19% Merlot and 2% Petite Verdot, this wine opens up with savory aromas of blackberry and a suggestions of herbaceous peppercorn. This is Sculpterra's classic Bordeaux style blend made entirely with estate grown grapes. Maquette in French means "mock up," or "miniature." Maquettes are used when the artist renders a small-scale sculpture before finalizing the larger one. The fruit grown on the Frankel Family Estate is meticulously hand manicured; from pruning, shoot thinning, removing excess clusters and hand picking. Our terroir is most notably extreme, with great swings in temperature along with a plethora of soil compositions and structure. We harvested the grapes in five unique lots, enhancing the wine's pronounced complexity.

THE WINEMAKING

Paul Frankel and staff at Sculpterra's small onsite winery conducted all winemaking from crush to eventual bottling. The fruit came in in four lots, starting on September 20th and ending October 26th. We aged the wine in a assortment of oak barrels, for a total of 18 months. We used some new French Oak giving forth additional tannins to the wine with roasted and nutty bouquets. 2016 Maquette shows off our first production of Petit Verdot from a tiny 300 vine planting located in the vineyard block known as "Kathy's Forest." Just 2% of Petit Verdot adds just a smidge of dark fruit nuances complemented with a trace of dry tannins.

THE TASTE

Exceptionally tasty fruit flavors and a broad welcoming mouthfeel make this full-bodied estate-grown wine hard to resist. It has classic Bordeaux essences, like blackberry and black cherry and a whole lot of tannin with spicy tones that come out with proper aeration. The juicy palate delivers licorice, bing-cherry and a touch of tangerine zest. The four varieties come together effortlessly and are well integrated, with fresh focused acidity. Black currant, cherry and dark chocolate play along across the palate, dusted in cocoa powder and smoked oak. Enjoyable to taste right now but with out a doubt a cellar worthy wine. Hide away and bring back for peak taste in 2025.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker