

SCULPTERRA 2020 STATUESQUE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Syrah, & 26% Petite Sirah

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate & Eugene Alonso Vineyard

Blocks: Autopista, Lago De Los Patos, & Gene From The Village

Finished Alcohol: 14.6%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.08 g/100ml

Total Acid: 0.66 g/100ml

pH: 3.70

Bottling Date: February 16, 2022

Release Date: September 1, 2023

Total Production: 825 Cases

THE VINEYARD

2020 marks our fifteenth year of producing this incredible unique, bold, and wild blend. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petite Sirah, this is inevitably one to be enjoyed upon release but rest assured it is also meant for long term cellaring. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah were farmed and grown on the Frankel Family Estate, while the Syrah was grown on neighboring vineyard of Eugene Alonso's property on Penman Springs Road. The combination of well drained clay-loam soils with diurnal temperature swings create full bodied flavors in this wine. From pruning, to shoot-thinning, leaf pulling and harvesting, these vineyards are completely hand manicured and diligently cared for.

THE WINEMAKING

The grapes were delivered to Sculpterra Winery in half ton picking bins and immediately taken to be destemmed, followed by a 36-hour cold soak at a cold 45 degrees Fahrenheit. It was easy to see that this fruit was of the highest quality, especially the dark and vibrant Petite Sirah grapes. Once again, we fermented and aged each of these 3 grape varieties independently, giving this wine a super complex texture and unique flavor profile. Pump-overs were conducted just twice a day and limited the juice exposure to unnecessary oxygen impact. Fermentation was followed by draining the "free run" juice then next we moved to the pressing of the skins, settling for 3 days in stainless tanks and finally long-term barrel aging. This remarkable wine was aged completely in 500L Puncheons barrels; totaling 6 Cabernet Puncheons, 5 Syrah Puncheons, and 4 Petite Sirah Puncheons. 6 of these barrels were brand new and add a great deal of vanilla, coffee, molasses and butterscotch taste to the wine. The wine was blended and lightly filtered one week prior to bottling. The wine aged in bottle for over a full year before officially being released on September 1st 2023.

THE TASTE

2020 Statuesque is a beautiful expression of a wild wine that is now tamed with smooth taste and charming elegance. The bold and enticing aromas draw you into the glass, with notes of blueberry, blackberry, plum, pepper and herbs. The palate carries impressive weight and volume with seemingly never-ending textures. I love that this wine is huge in flavors yet balanced throughout the expansive palate. It is certainly captivating, intriguing, and exceptionally lengthy with tannins that sing all the through the finish. Bouquets of mocha coffee, bittersweet chocolate, cherry, and cedar are well defined. Not at all overripe, it brings a fine feel and finish of acidity and tannin.. Best to drink after 2025, but I confidently predict it will have a very long life beyond that!

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker