



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Primitivo, 13% Merlot

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Finished Alcohol: 14.5%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.05 g/100ml

Total Acid: .66 g/100ml

pH: 3.66

Bottling Date: February 20, 2015

Release Date: April 1, 2016

Total Production: 406 Cases

THE VINEYARD

2013 Figurine shows off the beauty of Sculptrerra's diverse vineyard setting; this wine contains fruit from 5 vineyards located on the Frankel Family Estate. The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit comes from 3 different valley floor vineyards. "Bomba Vieja" Cabernet is a small 1-acre section on rocky soils. "Puerta Electrica," Cabernet is a 5-acre vineyard now in it's 20th year of production. It's terraced hillside make for a perfect growing conditions and balanced crop load. "Bentley Ironworks" Cabernet, a 3.5 acre cane pruned vineyard that backs up to cripple creek. In this vineyard the hot summer days ripen the grapes with ease. Primitivo is located on a steep sloped hillside called, "8-Acre Ridgeline." This windy vineyard gives us healthy canopy growth and early harvesting. The Merlot, also found on a hillside vineyard, is shoot thinned and leaf pulled giving the fruit even more sun exposure. 2013 was a terrific grape growing year with hot temperatures dominating most of the year. All fruit was hand picked and sorted in the vineyard prior to delivery to the winery for the crush.

THE WINEMAKING

All three varietals were crushed, fermented, pressed, barreled, and aged onsite at Sculptrerra winery. The final blend was put together during bottling, which allowed for maximum expression of each varietal. Aged in 25% new American Oak, this wine has just the right amount of barrel toast and woody scents. The fruit is the dominant feature in the wine making it a perfect pairing for heart-warming winter dishes. In total we bottled 406 cases, our biggest Figurine bottling to date. The art of blending is truly showcased in this curious blend. Cabernet Sauvignon brings dark fruit flavors, strong tannins, and a dark color. Primitivo provides lift to the wine with light fruits, soft tannins, and a vibrant color. Finally, Merlot gives the wine a chalky taste, with notes of minerality and chocolate, and a lot of mid-palate structure.

THE TASTE

This unique blend is the whole package, layered with tastes of fruit, with lots of spice notes mixed in, and an excellent finish. Bold and full-bodied, it offers aromas of steeped plum, prune, clove, and lavender. The concentrated, savory palate doles out mature blackberry, raisin, clove, and licorice. Big, velvety tannins, and just enough freshness, give this wine a surprisingly drinkable quality. What makes this wine special is the elegance and finesse of this wine. Yes, it's complex, and yes, it's big and bold, but even so it's completely drinkable at a young age. Drink it now, or hold onto it as it will continue to age well through 2018.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker