

# SCULPTERRA 2015 GRENACHE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



## THE FACTS

### Varietal Composition:

90% Grenache & 10% Petite Sirah

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Vineyard:** Frankel Family &  
San Miguel Vineyards

**Finished Alcohol:** 14.4%

**Residual Sugar(G/F):** 0.02 g/100ml

**Total Acid:** .71 g/100ml

**pH:** 3.67

**Bottling Date:** May 25, 2016

**Release Date:** August 1, 2017

**Total Production:** 600 Cases

## THE VINTAGE

Our 2015 Grenache is a strikingly delicious wine! It's light-medium body makes it a perfect partner for food pairings. This wine is one of the best wines produced from the 2015 vintage. It all starts with premium quality fruit and these 2015 grapes came in at perfect ripeness. The wine is a blend of three vineyards. 55% is Grenache from Frankel Vineyards - El Libro Block, 35% is Grenache from San Miguel Vineyard's - Sol Para Todos Block and 10% is Petite Sirah from Frankel Vineyards - Lago De Los Patos Block. The two Grenache vineyards were hand manicured with hand pruning, shooting thinning, leafing and cluster dropping. We limited the vines to 3.5 tons per acre for optimum yield and quality. The Petite Sirah vineyard is grown on a VSP trellis with double cross arms, allowing for light and airflow around the clusters. Harvest came early in 2015 and we finished picking these three blocks by mid October.

## THE WINEMAKING

The fruit was processed half a ton at a time, destemmed only, not crushed and 100% whole berry fermented in small macro bins. The fermentations were monitored and kept cool for a strong and steady outcome. Punchdowns were limited to twice a day - being extra gentle on the skins makes this Grenache fruity and elegant. The wine was pumped and skins were pressed with our micro basket press and the new wine was settled in stainless tanks for 3 days before barreling down. The Grenache aged in 500L Puncheon barrels, the perfect pairing for this fruit driven wine. The Petite Sirah aged in one 300L barrel and one new hybrid American-Hungarian barrel. The wine was blended and lightly filtered the week of bottling, in total 600 cases were bottled.

## THE TASTE

I just love this wine! The vineyard is breathtaking and its fruit is just as stunning. 2015 was truly a superb vintage. The wine burst forth with aromas of berry, spice, herbs and cherry, which accurately announce a pointy, lean, yet refreshing palate. This beautifully colored Grenache from a hot vintage is dominated by red plum, tart cherry and raspberry flavors that finish short and punchy. The wine is balanced with tart taste and a zesty finish. The tannins remain present on the palate showing that the wine as the ability to be cellared for years to come. The wine has just a touch of new oak taste, adding cedar and exotic spices, giving depth to the black plum and dark strawberry fruit.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker