

SCULPTERRA

2017 FIGURINE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Primitivo, 24% Merlot

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Chivos, 14-Acre Hillside,
& 8-Acre Ridgeline

Finished Alcohol: 15.5%

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

Total Acid: 0.64 g/100ml

pH: 3.68

Bottling Date: February 20, 2019

Release Date: April 1, 2020

Total Production: 855 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Figurine, Sculpterra's Cabernet-Primitivo-Merlot blend has scored 91 points from Wine Enthusiast Magazine for four straight vintages. This is a remarkable feat and a true testament to the consistency in taste and flavors from this very amazing wine. The wine is a fantastic example of true Paso Robles terroir; blending the best of fruit driven Primitivo with hearty and robust tasting Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The 2017 growing season was known as a vintage of high sugar and fully concentrated wines. The wines in this blend had deep, rich color, a moderate level of tannin and slightly higher than average alcohol levels. Overall the vines enjoyed excellent weather during the growing season. All three vineyards were hand pruned, leaf pulled, shoot thinned, and the drop load was limited to just 3 tons per acre. Primitivo was ready to be picked first, followed by harvest of Merlot and finally ending the last week in October with Cabernet Sauvignon.

THE WINEMAKING

All winemaking was conducted on-site at Sculpterra's small winery located in the middle of the beautiful 265 acre Frankel Family Vineyard Estate. We started the process with whole berry de-stemming followed by fermenting the juice in a combination of new 500L oak barrels and ½ ton macro bins. The three varieties were individually made and final blending occurred one week prior to bottling. The wine was aged in a blend of 225L, 240L, and 500L oak barrels, of which 20% of the wood was new American Oak. These new heavy toasted oak barrels provided strong bouquets of dark chocolate, cedar, smoke and BBQ flavors that fill out the wine's profile, pairing wonderfully with all that inherit fruitiness from the vintage. This 2017 Figurine bottling is our biggest yet and we are excited to see the response from our wine club members and wine judges.

THE TASTE

This wine is so beautiful; mellow in the mouth, yet has a certain component of heartiness and dryness to give it weight and finesse. It's easy to see why it is our most popular blend each and every year we produce it! It is a full-bodied wine, concentrated in berry and cherry flavors, while its smooth texture makes it easy to sip and enjoy. It offers an explosive concentration of up-front toasted oak and a savory finish of dried herbs. It has a touch of spiciness that is somewhat masked by all that great red fruit overtones. Waves of blueberry transition to velvety smooth textures, offering an impressive marriage between richness and balance. A subtle note of raspberry can be found weaving through the aroma and that sneaky hint of black-pepper spice on the palate makes it all the more tasty. Drink this wine upon release in April 2020 and age a few bottles and see how mellow it becomes in five or even ten years from now.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker