

# SCULPTERRA 2023 FIGURINE

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



## THE VINEYARD

I first created Figurine back in 2008 as an experiment, an unconventional blend that mixes Cabernet Sauvignon, Primitivo and Merlot. It worked! The flavors melded together effortlessly and a star was born! Since then, Figurine has become our best-selling blend and in 2023 we produced over 1,500 cases...our biggest bottling to date. 2023 was such a unique growing season with HUGE winter rains that directly altered the growing season. More fruit was produced than ever before and we harvested big yields from both our Cabernet and Primitivo vines. This blend combines three estate grown Cabernet blocks, two estate grown Primitivo vineyards, and one estate grown Merlot site. The complexity in this wine lies in the soils. These five vineyards contain a wide variety of sandy, loam, clay, limestone and rocky sections. We manage the vineyards with guide wires exposing the fruit to the sun to increase ripeness. We harvested each block very late due to the cold weather seen in summer and fall, but it was worth the wait...the fruit came in pristine condition with amazing taste!

## THE WINEMAKING

The vineyards were harvested overnight and received at the winery at daybreak for processing. All grapes were destemmed and whole berries fermented using specific selected yeast strains that have repeatable characteristics and flavors. The barrels played a huge part in the creation of this wine. We fermented and aged the early lot Primitivo in new American 500L Puncheon barrels. The second Primitivo aged in new World Cooperage profile 107 American barrels, known for their marshmallow and campfire bouquets. Cabernet Sauvignon aged in an assortment of 240L and 500L barrels, these barrels were a combination of once used French and Hungarian barrels. Finally, our Merlot aged in small Bordeaux Classic 225L used barrels. In total, the wine aged for 16 months before blending, light filtering and bottling in February 2025.

## THE FACTS

**Varietal Composition:** 44% Primitivo, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon & 18% Merlot

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Vineyard:** Frankel Family Estate

**Finished Alcohol:** 14.50%

**Residual Sugar(G/F):** 0.10 g/100ml

**Total Acid:** 0.65 g/100ml

**pH:** 3.58

**Bottling Date:** February 13, 2025

**Release Date:** April 1, 2026

**Total Production:** 1,545 Cases

## THE TASTE

Figurine is a remarkable blend every vintage and this bottling will go down as one of our best. The blend combines three unique varieties in a beautiful marriage of deep flavors and ripe characteristics; it's got everything going for it! Its aromatic from the get go, then laced with black currants and blackberries. The mid-palate transitions into espresso, cedar and coconut. From here this elegant, medium-bodied wine wraps you up with smooth, supple blueberry, black cherry, black tea and even slight orange citrus. Pair it with lamb that's been cooked with garden fresh herbs and Peruvian potatoes. There are floral notes too, with spicy and cedary taste followed by berry fruits and finished with an impressive tannic grip.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker