

PRESENTS:

2021 PINOT NOIR
EL PASO DE ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

THE VINEYARD

The fruit is 100% sourced from the Frankel Family Estate in Paso Robles California, and combines two Pinot Noir clones; 777 & 115. The vineyard is located in the valley floor, protected by a towering hill overhead which helps provide shade from the blistering summer heat. The fruit ripens early and we make every effort to handle the fruit with utmost care and delicate actions. This one-of-a-kind label is dedicated to the vineyard and winery workers here at Sculpterra. Lugardo "Uga" Zatarain seen on the front label retired in 2011 and was the hardest working member of the vineyard team. As with each year a portion of the proceeds of this bottle goes to support medical mission to Mexico through giving to the Flying Samaritans in Baja, California.

THE WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested overnight and machine picked into half-ton macro bins, and delivered to the winery. We destemmed and crushed the fruit starting at 4:00am while the grapes and juice were still nice and cold. The crushed must was kept at 50 degrees F, for 24 hours before the onset of fermentation by cultured yeast. The wine was made in two lots, keeping Clone 777 and Clone 115 in separate tanks with different yeast for fermentation. Clone 777 right away smelled of pomegranates, cherries, and fresh strawberries, where Clone 115 showed more Cola-berry notes and rosemary. The pressing was conducted at only 1.0 bars, we wanted to make sure to press the skins at a soft level. The new wine settled for 3 days in stainless steel tanks before racking and aging in 225L, 240L and 265L neutral French Oak barrels. A total of 540 cases were bottled at the end of August 2022.

THE WINE

Héroé Pinot Noir shows impressive length and concentration of red fruits and finishes clean and savory. The combination of the clones creates a wine with complexity and intrigue. It's garden-fresh, tart and dynamic, with a brilliant deep medium red color. There's an herbal quality at play too with a sense of dusted earth, pine needles and oregano. Concentrated red berry fruit flavors are then followed by light and lifted tannins, making this wine enjoyable with each sip. It is filled with notes of tasty black cherries, blackberries, black tea and a hint of cinnamon. The expression is best described as a true Paso Robles Pinot Noir, ripened in a hot climate, but matured in the cool nights and shaded canopy. Best now through 2028.

THE FACTS

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate
Fruit: 100% Pinot Noir
Clonal Breakdown: 78% Clone 777 & 22% Clone 115
pH: 3.58
TA: 0.68
ALC: 14.2%
RS: 0.65
Cases Produced: 540
Bottling Date: 8/18/2022

