

# SCULPTERRA

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

## 2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BENTLEY IRONWORKS



### THE FACTS

**Varietal Composition:** 90% Cabernet

Sauvignon & 10% Petite Sirah

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Vineyard:** Frankel Family Estate

**Block:** Bentley Ironworks &

Lago De Los Patos

**Finished Alcohol:** 14.8%

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

**Total Acid:** .68 g/100ml

**pH:** 3.70

**Bottling Date:** August 20, 2015

**Release Date:** December 1, 2016

**Total Production:** 245 Cases

### THE VINEYARD

2013 marks the 6th vintage release of Sculpterra's premier Cabernet Sauvignon, "Bentley Ironworks." This vineyard designate wine is remarkably balanced and very cellar worthy. The fruit is grown on Frankel Estate's best Cabernet block, directly across from resident artist Robert Bentley's metal workshop. The vineyard is ideally located at the lowest property elevation, right around Cripple Creek riverbed where the soils are rocky, stony, and perfect for the vine's deep roots. These vines are cane pruned, allowing for perfect crop balance and canopy management. The rows are oriented directly east to west ensuring equal sun exposure on both sides of the vine's lush canopy. 2013's crop yielded 2.5 tons per acre and ripened by the first week of October.

### THE WINEMAKING

The hand picked fruit was delivered to the winery in half-ton bins. At that point the clusters were destemmed, lightly crushed and fermented in bins and barrels. The fruit came in almost freezing, and therefore the fermentation was slow and took a full 14 days before complete dryness was achieved. We used an old-school basket press which is super gentle and achieves rich taste and balanced tannic taste. The wine was aged in our finest French barrels, our New 500L Doreau as well as our New 500L Radoux barrel. Both barrels intensify the bouquets of vanilla, butterscotch, cedar, nutmeg and dark chocolate bouquets in the wine. The barrels also give the wine dusty tannins and notes of dried herbs. In total the wine was aged for 22 months in barrels, before bottling all 245 cases in August 2015.

### THE TASTE

Sculpterra's Bentley Ironworks Cabernet is by far the best expression of traditional Cabernet flavors enhanced by the ripe taste of the Paso Robles terrior. Bold but refined, this has classic, concentrated "Bentley Block" aromas and flavors. A luscious, velvety mouthfeel guide the way to a lingering, mouth-watering finish. The aroma combines cedar and spice-rack notes with fresh berries, plums and black currants. Flavors are influenced by spicy oak accents that weave in and out of the compelling ripe fruit. It's beautiful to drink now, but will age nicely, with best drinking after 2018.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker