



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 50% Grenache,
30% Syrah, & 20% Mourvèdre
Appellation: Paso Robles
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate,
Eugene Alonso, & San Miguel
Vineyards
Finished Alcohol: 14.5%
Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.92 g/100ml
Total Acid: 0.71 g/100ml
pH: 3.42
Aging Process: 100% Stainless Steel
Bottling Date: February 20, 2019
Release Date: March 1, 2019
Total Production: 585 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Our Rosé wine is back and is now the fastest selling Sculpterra wine that we produce! 2018 Paso Pink Rosé is comprised of entirely red Rhone varietals. I have found that red Rhones are the best candidates for producing the highest quality Rosé wine possible. This vintage is lead by Grenache, then Syrah and the final player is Mourvèdre. This blend of three grapes is fascinating as each one provides something different to the mix of flavors and taste. This vintage is by far the fruitiest one yet! The fruit is sourced from three vineyards, our own estate provided the Grenache and Mourvedre, our neighboring vineyard provided the Syrah, and we added additional Grenache from our good friend Rafael Jimenez's San Miguel vineyard. This blend of vineyards makes for immense complexity in the wine. 2018 was a memorable vintage with a terrific growing season from first rains to the first fall freeze. The summer saw average temperatures but fall heat came late giving the grapes a sugar spike during the harvest season. Fruit was harvested later in the year which gave the fruit extended hang time ensuring full maturity and more intense flavors.

THE WINEMAKING

Our rosé wine is made by using "method saignée," meaning a portion of the juice is stolen and fermented on its own, and without the presence of the skins. This gives the juice a light red or pink hue because the juice had a short time interacting with the grape skins. We fermented all three varieties, Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre in separate lots. That method is very interesting because we essentially made 3 unique and different wines. Of course the wine tasted at its best when all three lots were blended together to make one complete wine. The wine fermented over the course of a month, followed by racking, blending, and bottling in February 2019.

THE TASTE

Drink this wine upon release! It's ready-to-go with a plethora of light red fruit flavors coupled with a striking finish. The deep color of this rosé reflects its richness on the palette. Its bold flavors and deep color are a strong indicator of its power and longevity in the bottle. It's packed with red currant and berry fruit that gives a rich character and finishes with orange, watermelon, cantaloupe and strawberry. It surprises with subtle floral notes of rose and wild berry all twisted into a marvelous package. It demands your full attention starting with a complex and inviting bouquet. We only produced 430 cases and I anticipate that once again this Rosé will be sold out before the year is up.

-Paul W. Frankel, Winemaker