

SCULPTERRA 2017 MEGA FOCUS

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 60% Syrah, 20% Grenache, & 20% Mourvèdre

Appellation: Central Coast

Vineyard: San Miguel Vineyard, Indian Valley Vineyard, Eugen Alfonso, & Frankel Family Estate

Block: Sol Para Todos, El Libro, Rio Chicho, Gene's Village, & Lago De Los Patos

Finished Alcohol: 15.0%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.06 g/100ml

Total Acid: .68 g/100ml

pH: 3.70

Bottling Date: December 12, 2018

Release Date: September 1, 2020

Total Production: 540 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Our 2017 Mega Focus blend, named for the towering Dale Evers' sculpture, is a fabulous Red-Rhone-Blend that contains immense flavors and distinctive complexities. It combines intense Syrah with mellow Grenache and muscular Mourvèdre. This Syrah was grown in 2 vineyards; "Gene's Village," located on Penman Springs Road in Paso Robles and "Rio Chicho," located in Monterey Country right off the Salinas river. Both vineyards produce grapes of amazing quality with different flavors that combine perfectly when blended together. The Grenache was grown in two locations; "Sol Para Todos," vineyard in San Miguel, and the Sculpterra estate vineyard entitled, "El Libro." These wines are similar in nature but finish with different highlights that complement each other nicely. Mourvèdre, grown on Sculpterra's estate block "Lago De Los Patos," is a picture perfect vineyard with wonderfully trellised rows and balanced vine vigor. 2017 featured extremely favorable weather throughout the growing season making harvest time a wonderful and exciting experience.

THE WINEMAKING

All fruit was processed at our on-site Sculpterra Winery location. This wine is a "true blend," it combines 4 vineyards that became 4 unique wines. Only at the very end of aging were the lots combined before bottling took place. Syrah brings good color, medium tannins, and a plethora of dark fruit taste. Grenache is a lighter player in this mix, bringing forth guava, strawberry and even a note of tangerine. Finally, Mourvèdre shows up bringing its distinctive earthiness and tannic structure, while greatly enhancing the round mouth feel of this blend. This wine aged in 30% new French and American oak imparting tastes of vanilla, tobacco, smoked meats and coffee. On the nose, the new oak characteristics are certainly present but not too dominate as up front fruitier flavors take center stage in the mouth and on the wine's elegant finish. We bottled 540 cases of this unique blend after 14 months in the barrel.

THE TASTE

A blend of 60% Syrah, 20% Grenache & 20% Mourvèdre, this full-bodied red wine counterbalances Syrah's peppery, animated character with the rounded silkiness of Grenache and completes the taste with a well structured Mourvèdre. Pomegranate and blackberry flavors are crisply concentrated, but the palate feels creamy, long and ends supple. This wine already drinks well but should improve through 2024 and hold a few years further.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker