

SCULPTERRA

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Puerta Electrica & Bentley Ironworks

Finished Alcohol: 14.5%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.03 g/100ml

Total Acid: .64 g/100ml

pH: 3.69

Bottling Date: February 18, 2016

Release Date: December 1, 2016

Total Production: 515 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Here's to another wonderfully fashioned Sculpterra Estate Cabernet. This 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Estate grown and made on site. Sourced from 2 of the best Cabernet vineyards on the property, "Puerta Electrica," and "Bentley Ironworks." 2014 was an excellent year for Paso Cabernets with ripe flavors, herbal spices, and mature tannins. This wine features all that is great about Cabernet Sauvignon with dark fruits, hefty tannins and a luxurious round mouth feel. 2014 was dry and hot, the crop load was balanced and harvest was historically earlier than ever before. Both vineyard sites have unique soil and landscape. Puerta Electrica features gravel soil with clay and limestone outcroppings, while the Bentley block is stony and sandy with the rows oriented east and west. Both vineyards were harvested in early October at perfect ripeness.

THE WINEMAKING

Both lots were processed onsite at Sculpterra Winery. All clusters were whole berry destemmed and fermented in ½ ton and 1 ton macro bins. The cap was pushed down three times before fermentation completed after 3 weeks time. The wine aged for 14 months in oak barrels with 31% new American oak. Both lots provided different attributes to the overall blend. Puerta Electrica Cab is spicy and meaty, with a tart cherry taste. Bentley Cab is minty and herbal with dark fruit and cocoa aromas. The new oak adds accents of smoke, vanilla, and toasted caramel to the wine's already luscious bouquet. The two lots remained in separate barrels until right before bottling in February 2016.

THE TASTE

This terrific Sculpterra Estate 2014 Cabernet is sure to please the senses. The aromas are ripe with flavors of cherry, blueberry, and dark chocolate with just a hint of raisin. This wine's mouth feel has a luscious fortress of blackberry, cassis and sweet smoky oak. So smooth and luxurious on the palate, the texture dazzles from start to finish. The all-important tannins are nearly perfect. Drink now through 2020, especially with steak. This wine is spicy and meaty, with massive tannins that are refined and smooth. It has a dense mouth feel with nice weight across the palette. It really defines the vineyard, and is another well-crafted Cabernet Sauvignon from the Frankel Family Estate.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker