

PRESENTS:

2016 PINOT NOIR

EL PASO DE ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

THE VINEYARD

2016 Héroe Pinot Noir is an exciting wine styled to be ready to drink upon release. The unique silk-screened label pays tribute to the vineyard and winemaking team at Sculpterra Winery and Frankel Family Estate Vineyards. "Uga", the face of the man seen on the front label, was Sculpterra's best worker for over eight years. He has since retired and moved home to Mexico. The fruit is a blend of two vineyard clones; 75% Clone 777, and 25% Clone 115. This breathtaking vineyard is located on the cool valley floor, where the high surrounding hills shade the vineyard from the late after summer sun. 2016 was an ideal vintage for epic Paso Robles Pinot Noir wines! The cooler weather in spring and summer gradually ripened the fruit and henceforth created flavors of cola-berry and mild spice. The fruit was harvest in three separate lots in the early hours of the morning.

THE WINEMAKING

Each lot was kept separated throughout the winemaking process. Our winemaking team was extra careful and delicate with handling the fruit during processing. The grapes were not crushed, but whole berry and cluster fermented. From there we cold soaked the destemmed berries for 2 days before introduction of yeast to each bin. Fermentation, pressing, racking, and barrel topping were completed with the utmost care and patience, thus creating the very best aromatic flavors and complex bouquets imaginable. The wine aged in neutral oak barrels, successively supporting the delicate fruity flavors and flowery smells of the young wine.

THE WINE

Like all good Pinot Noir's, this wine shows layers of cherry fruit with gracious herbal spices. The color is a perfect garnet red, neither too light nor too dark. It cheerfully opens up with attractive aromas of red berry and blue flower. The appetizing palate delivers wild strawberry, red cherry, a hint of mint alongside and sleek easy-to-drink tannins. It has a soft yet refreshing structure and a perfumed character that is already alluring. Overall it is vastly fruity with juicy acidity. It will age well for five or more years.

THE FACTS

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate
Fruit: 100% Pinot Noir
Clonal Breakdown: 75% Clone 777 & 25% Clone 115
pH: 3.70
TA: 0.66
ALC: 13.0%
RS: 0.01%
Cases Produced: 600
Bottling Date: 5/24/2017
Release Date: 6/1/2017

