Sculpterra Winery & Sculpture Garden

2024 Petite Sirah



The Vintage

Petite Sirah is the biggest and boldest wine bottled at Sculpterra Winery. Paso Robles is synonymous with the best Petite Sirah in the world. Our estate vineyard was planted in 2005 first harvested was in 2008 and it's been a fan favorite ever since. Our vineyard site located directly in front of the sculpture garden is in perfect position for high quality Petite fruit. Our trellis features 2 wide cross arms with wires that lift the fruit high into the vines canopy and create natural separation between each cluster. Drip irrigation is limited to once a week and shortened as we get closer to harvest time. We shoot thin, leaf pull and cluster thin as needed throughout each growing season. 2024 was a challenging vintage in our Petite vineyard. A severe FREEZE stun and shocked the vines on the morning of April 6th. This event directly limited our crop load thus we only produced 2 tons per acre. Harvest came much later than expected but we were very pleased with the fruit quality produced.

The Winemaking

We harvested and sorted the fruit in one setting, starting at 3:00am and finishing by 7:00am. We pick early in the morning to preserve the delicate fruit tones and trap the dark color of the juice. The grapes were taken immediately to the winery for desteeming and 2 days of cold soak. We fermented with use of PERSEY yeast, a yeast well known for its ability to enhance varietal express and increase mouthfeel, tannins and ageability. Also, we love using a variety of new barrels for aging Petite Sirah. My favorite barrels are AP Johns 475-liter American Oak Puncheon Barrels. We order a blend of Northern and Appellation Puncheon barrels giving the final blend complexity of taste and finish. We take apart and ferment in these massive barrels, a labor some practice that in my opinion gives Sculpterra Petite Sirah an edge above the competition. The wine aged for a full 26 months in barrel before being bottled in mid-December 2026 with a total of just 240 cases produced.

The Facts

Varietal Composition: 100% Petite Sirah
Appellation: Paso Robles
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate,
Block: Lago de Los Patos & Kathy's Vineyard
Finished Alcohol: 14.8%
Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.05 g/100ml
Total Acid: 0.64 g/100ml
pH: 3.55
Bottling Date: August 13, 2026
Release Date: December 1, 2027
Total Production: 240 Cases

The taste

Plainly put this wine is sheer power! I love the mouthfeel, texture and finish, this wine has it all and lingers forever. The aromas are focused with spiced blackberry, blueberry, and dark-chocolate. The palate shows vibrant flavors of baked black cherry pie, plum, and coated with rich, dry, puckering tannins. I'd give this a few years in the cellar for the best taste possible. It's a great wine with food, enjoy it with slow cooked braised beef short ribs. Overall, this Petite is concentrated, dominated with the best aromas of blackberry, huckleberry, bay-leaf, a hint of floral lavender and taste of smoked meats. I taste black currant preserves, ripe plums all culminating on a dry juicy finish.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker