

SCULPTERRA

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Chivos, Bomba Vieja,
Autopista, & Puerta Electrica

Finished Alcohol: 13.3%

Residual Sugar (G/F): 0.02 g/100ml

Total Acid: .67 g/100ml

pH: 3.62

Bottling Date: May 24, 2018

Release Date: December 1, 2018

Total Production: 430 Cases

THE VINEYARD

2016 Sculpterra estate Cabernet Sauvignon is jam packed with countless dark berry tastes, floral flavors and is framed with powerful structure. This wine is a blend of four vineyard blocks planted throughout the Frankel Family Estate Ranch. The vines were planted in 1993 and are now fully mature yielding consistent flavors every year. The vineyards showcase amazing varietal characteristics in Cabernet Sauvignon in relation to site, soil, sun and canopy management. Blocks “Bomba Vieja,” and “Puerta Electrica” with rocky soils and stronger vigor show off hearty flavors with amazing color. Blocks, “Chivos,” and “Autopista,” planted in hotter regions, give forth flavors of ripe red fruit with a subtle spice note felt on the finish. I was very pleased with the 2016-growing season; the spring and summer weather was consistent making our fall harvest well balanced with fruit flavors and developed tannins.

THE WINEMAKING

The crush took place in late October at Sculpterra’s onsite winery. The wines were made in separate lots and evaluated every six weeks. We tasted and examined each of these lots in regards to quality in aging potential, color stability and overall taste and tactile impact across the palate. Each of the four lots were strong enough to be bottled on their own but the blending of the four is an enchanted experience. The wines aged 16 months in a variety of barrels and barrel sizes, ranging from standard 225L size, to oversized 500L barrels. A small percentage of the wine aged in new oak giving the wine depth and increased bouquets of charcoal and vanilla.

THE TASTE

Sculpterra’s all estate Cabernet Sauvignon brings a plethora of taste and tangible sensations. Subdued but also daring at times, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon opens with appealing aromas of dark-chocolate, herbs, plum and berry. Raspberry, cherry and even citrus peel run long on the finish. Overall this is a juicy wine, with tons of black cherry, sage and cedar. While robust in structure, the oak is well integrated on the palate, giving it a soft, smooth feel and persistence with audacious flavors. Let it age and drink through 2028.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker