



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon & 15% Merlot
Appellation: Paso Robles
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate
Finished Alcohol: 14.2%
Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.03 g/100ml
Total Acid: .64 g/100ml
pH: 3.69
Bottling Date: August 20, 2015
Release Date: December 1, 2015
Total Production: 480 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Our 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser! An absolutely first-class Cabernet that not only shows the big tannins and age-worthiness of Frankel Vineyards, but is also made in a dry style that calls to mind a finely made Bordeaux Cabernet. The fruit was grown in the middle of a historic California drought. Our Cabernet vineyards thrived in the drought, producing fruit with small berries and tannic taste. This wine combines 2 Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards; “Bentley Ironworks” and “Puerta Electrica.” The Bentley block has rocky soils and the rows are oriented exactly east-west. While Puerta Electrica Cab has clay-loam soils and the vine rows are situated directly north-south. This wine also contains a small percentage of Merlot, grown 300 feet above the Cabernet in an area with a mix of sandy-loam soils and limestone outcroppings. The Merlot ripened first due to its high altitude, followed by the 2 Cabernet vineyards below.

THE WINEMAKING

All fruit was hand picked and sorted prior to the crush. We fermented each lot independently, that way I was able to isolate the batches and use certain yeast strains to bring forward desired flavors and characteristics. The final blend is a combination of 3 lots; two Cabernets from the valley floor and one hilltop Merlot. The valley Cabs show great depth of flavors, classic dill, green olive, spice cake and tart berry laden fruit. The Merlot adds softer and subtle notes of strawberry, cherry and even blueberry to the final blend. From the press the wine was bold and tannic; therefore the wine was aged for almost two years in barrel adding roundness and relaxed textures.

THE TASTE

This is a really outstanding wine! It combines immense power with great finesse. The polished essence of blackberries, black currants and spices thrill the palate, accented with the most beautiful coating of smoky oak. The flavors are extraordinary, stretching from blackberry and cherry through currant liqueur and milk chocolate to strawberry and rhubarb pie. This wine is tasting great now and, though it’s hard to resist, will hold up and improve for 4-6 years.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker