

SCULPTERRA

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

2018
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:

90% Cabernet &
10% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Puerta Electrica, Bentley
Ironworks, Chivos, Lago De Los Patos,
& Autopista

Finished Alcohol: 15.0%

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

Total Acid: 0.66 g/100ml

pH: 3.70

Bottling Date: May 13, 2020

Release Date: December 1, 2021

Total Production: 1,080 Cases

THE VINEYARD

Sculpterra Winery is known for big, bold, fruit-forward Cabernet wines, and this vintage does not disappoint! Our vines, planted in 1995, are now hitting their best years, each year yields consistent flavors that are balanced, lush and lengthy. This wine combines four different vineyards of Cabernet Sauvignon and one vineyard of Cabernet Franc. Our hilltop Cabernet Sauvignon block features sandy soils, east-west oriented rows and sloped drainage, creating a more stressful condition for the vines, thus the wine is dark, concentrated and tannic. The valley floor Cabernet Sauvignon vines are planted on rocky, stony soils, with north-south oriented rows, and rich fertile soil, therefore we irrigate much less in the valley as the soils retain more rain water than the hillside plots. Our vines are hand manicured, from pruning, shoot thinning, weeding, and suckering. We limit the crop load to three tons per acre, therefore the berries are petite, thick skinned, and dark.

THE WINEMAKING

We harvest our Cabernet grapes overnight and the fruit is processed early the next morning. We do not crush our fruit, we simply destem the berries and whole berry ferment the grapes in both new 500L Puncheon barrels and 1-ton macro bins. These small fermentations allow us to use a combination of yeasts that in turn derive unique characteristics in the resulting wine. The fermenting wines are kept at 60-75 degrees, insuring a slow and steady and heathy alcoholic fermentation. We pressed the fermented skins at low pressure followed by settling, racking and barrel aging. This wine aged for 18 months in a combination of new and used wine barrels.

THE TASTE

Our 100% estate grown 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon displays intense dark fruit flavors followed by wonderful notes of herbs and cloves. This wine possesses classic Cabernet charm with traditional aromas. This wine is a slight blend, featuring 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc. It remains soft and supple on the palate, with dense red fruit, baking spice and just a suggestion of New French Oak. Overall, this wine is generously expansive and opulent, round in the mouth, with a focused center of black cherry, licorice, and olive. The rich fruit is complemented by notes of cranberry pie crust, and a dusting of cocoa powder. This wine is lengthy and structured and will be tasting its best in 2022 - 2030.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker