

SCULPTERRA 2020 PETITE SIRAH

WINERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN



THE FACTS

Varietal Composition:

100% Petite Sirah

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Block: Lago De Los Patos

Finished Alcohol: 15.3%

Residual Sugar(G/F): 0.05 g/100ml

Total Acid: 0.67 g/100ml

pH: 3.58

Bottling Date: August 19, 2022

Release Date: December 1, 2022

Total Production: 315 Cases

THE VINTAGE

The vines, located on Frankel Vineyard's "Lago De Los Patos" block, are a mature 15 years old and produce consistent and uniform fruit. The soils are mostly clay-loam with small stone and gravel showing up at the far north end of the rows. The site sees well drained soils with a few zones of pooling water after big rain storms. The vineyard is located in a cool valley position, helping to keep the fruit with high levels of acidity and maintain dark stable color in the juice. The vine rows are vertical shoot positioned, spur trained and supported with guide wires with use of cross arm metal members. The clusters are separated neatly on both sides of the canopy and excess leaves are pulled in June to allow for maximum light and sun exposure.

THE WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-picked by a small crew of eight workers and delivered to the winery at four in the morning. The cool of the morning captures the fruit at its freshest flavors and significantly helps to start the fermentation off at cold temperatures. Crush was followed by a 2-day cold soak, then a cool and steady 10 day fermentation. Pressing was the next operation, followed by settling and racking clean into oak barrels for long term aging. The barrels are split into two coopers, AP Johns and Sigeun Moreau, which are both 100% American Oak derived. Appellation Mountain, and Missouri Oak was sourced for these barrels and only the tightest grain made the cut. These barrels range from medium to heavy toast, giving the wine an enormous sense of rich camp-fire bouquets of smoke, cedar, spice and chocolate taste. The wine was then aged for almost two years in barrel, giving the wine ample time to soak up woody flavors, micro oxidizing, and becoming soft on the mouth.

THE TASTE

This 100% Petite Sirah wine is super dark in color and super huge in taste, aroma and bouquet. It's a true expression of a Paso Robles full-bodied Petite Sirah, an age-worthy gem! It starts on the palate with rustic aromas of roasted black plum, blackberry jam, charred fig, floral notes of lavender, brown sugar syrup and candied caramel. Then the wine further develops into charred beef with classic herb driver marinara sauce show up as up sip. Freshly picked violet flower, blackberry with blueberry aromas are elevated by rosemary, sage and hints of oregano. A perfect pairing with roasted meats or a slow cooked stew. The tannins are very present yet offer up a very pleasing texture. The acidity is enjoyable and overall this wine is very well balanced. The taste is helped along by floral hints and savory elements to balance the bold, dark fruits.

-Paul Frankel, Winemaker