

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

ADELAIDA

SYRAH SIGNATURE

VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD - PASO ROBLES

2017

AROMA	Blueberry, Black raspberry, White pepper, Mocha, Violet petal
FLAVOR	Tart cherry, Boysenberry, Blueberry, Cedarwood, Bbq smoke
FOOD PAIRINGS	French onion soup, Toulouse-Style Cassoulet
VINEYARD DETAILS	Viking Vineyard 1400 - 1700 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil

Adelaida's organically-farmed estate vineyards are located in the coastal influenced Santa Lucia Mountain Range on the west side of the Paso Robles AVA. Situated on steep hillsides, these vineyard sites lie within the Adelaida District, a sub-appellation in the northwest corner of the wine region. With elevations ranging from 1400 - 2050 ft, limestone subsoils, and extreme diurnal temperature swings, averaging 45 degrees, Adelaida produces wines with distinct expressions of their site.

2017 brought a late winter storm track with a warming spring and an early bud break. Late summer heat led to low yields of concentrated small- clusters. Harvest commenced in the early morning hours and upon arrival to the winery, the grapes were hand-sorted and de-stemmed.

Viking Vineyard's steep south-facing mountain exposures generate low-yielding vines and full-bodied wines. The original site was purchased in 1975 and planted by Adelaida in 1991. The initial planting consisted of 15 acres primarily dedicated to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and a small fragment of Syrah. The Viking Syrah from 2017 is a perfect example of how low yields drive fruit concentration. This wine boasts intense aromas of blueberry and black raspberry with the essence of white pepper and violet acting in a supporting role. This wine exudes flavors of cherry, boysenberry, and cedarwood with a slight hint of smoke. Viking Syrah has beautiful aging potential, and we recommend a drinking window of 2023-2031.



VARIETAL	Syrah 100%	COOPERAGE	Aged for 15 months in 60% new French oak
ALCOHOL	15.3%	RELEASE	Spring 2020
CASES	141	RETAIL	\$75.00