

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

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ZINFANDEL

MICHAEL'S ESTATE VINEYARD

2020

AROMA	Brambleberry, Clove, Black raspberry, California chaparral
FLAVOR	Blueberry cobbler, Violet, White pepper
FOOD PAIRINGS	Barbecued baby back ribs or smoked pulled pork sandwiches Warm arugula and sautéed mushroom salad with goat cheese
VINEYARD DETAILS	Michael's Vineyard 1700 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil over Clay

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 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.

Compared to past vintages in the Adelaida District, 2020 was slightly warmer and culminated in typical yields across most varieties, even as Adelaida received just 12.4 inches of rain during the 2019-2020 winter. The Zinfandel was picked in the pre-dawn hours, cluster sorted by hand, de-stemmed, and optically sorted (individual grapes). Traditional foot treading prepared the grapes for fermentation in concrete vats using Adelaida's indigenous yeast culture.

Our Michael's Estate Vineyard yields a beautifully pure, balanced, and lifted Zinfandel. We attribute these qualities to the limestone-based soils found only in a few parts of the world. This delightful wine is an expression of its high-elevation site showing the racy and exuberant vibrancy of blueberry and raspberry. Additionally, Zinfandel shows flavors and aromas of clove, fennel, and white pepper. The 2020 vintage displays balance and early-drinking appeal. Enjoy now through 2025.



VARIETAL	Zinfandel 90%, Petite Sirah 10%	COOPERAGE	Aged in French oak barriques (28% new) for 15 months
ALCOHOL	14.7%	RELEASE	Fall 2022
CASES	900	RETAIL	\$45
