

SYRAH 2010 ANNA'S VINEYARD

Perched on an elevated 1900 ft. south facing ridge top, Anna's Vineyard challenges the vines with its 30 degree slope and lean white chalky soils. The eleven year old Syrah vines, accounting for 15 of the 51 acre vineyard, is further divided into 5 separate blocks of Syrah clones and rootstocks. Anna's Vineyard in total is dedicated to Rhône varieties and is divided between six red varieties (35.5 acres) and 4 white varieties (15.4 acres). Red varieties include Syrah, Mourvedre, Grenache, Cinsault, Petite Syrah and Counoise. At 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean, the afternoon marine air flow accentuates a dramatic 40-50 degree diurnal temperature cool down. All vines are on drip irrigation, planted on lime tolerant rootstock and use a vertical shoot positioning system. Vine spacing is 4 feet between vines and 10 feet between rows totaling 1089 vines/acre. Yields are maintained at 2 tons/acre. In 2010 Adelaida achieved SIP Certification for our sustainable vineyard practices

With the cooler growing season of 2010, the delayed harvest allowed longer hang times, resulting in expressive fruit and the classic combination of viscosity and "nerve" (the French word for crisp natural fruit acidity). After three years of drought conditions, the El Nino weather pattern returned effectively raising the Pacific Ocean temperatures and promoting an uplift of moisture into the upper atmosphere. The 2010 harvest broke from the year's preceding drought riddled harvests with vineyards being graced with above average rainfall, approaching as much as 40 inches in parts. The unique microclimate in the mountainous vineyards allowed for well-balanced and vibrant acidity for our Syrah 2010 Vintage.

We recommend that you decant for four hours or hold until the Spring to truly enjoy the luxurious qualities this wine has to offer. It is a true reflection of the great wines of the 2010 vintage. The 11-year-old Syrah walks the tightrope between finesse and concentration. It has a stylish perfume of raspberries and dried herbs. The palate is concentrated and seductively lush with dark fruits, South American dark chocolate, hints of vanilla bean and subtle tannins. Drink through 2018. Unfined.

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PASO ROBLES



VINEYARD DETAILS:

AVA: Paso Robles
Vineyard: Anna's Estate Vineyard
Elevation: 1,800-1,900 feet
Soil: Calcareous Limestone
Clones: 470,383, 877, 174, & Tablas Clone A
Rootstocks: 420A, Fercal D03, 140 RU, 1103P, 1040R
Planted Acres: 18

VINTAGE DETAILS:

Varietal: 100% Syrah
Cases: 862 cases produced
Release Date: Winter 2012
CA Suggested Retail: \$32

HARVEST DATES:

September 16- 28th, 2010

TECHNICAL DATA:

Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.50
TA: 6.08 g/L
Brix: 26.5
Yield: 2 tons/acre
Fermentation: five ton open top fermentor tanks, native yeast

COOPERAGE:

Barrel aged 21 months in mostly French oak (30% new), some Hungarian
Bottled: August 24, 2012
Unfined,