

CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE 2010 VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD

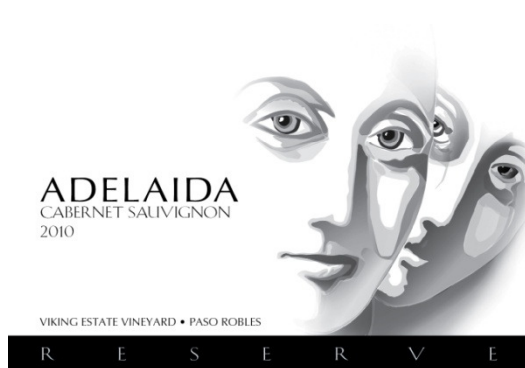
Planted in 1991 the Viking Vineyard encompasses 18 acres, on a south facing ridge line some 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean. It's location in the coastal influenced mountain range of Paso Robles' Adelaida District lends validation to the term "mountain terroir". The Viking Vineyard is comprised of 15 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 1.5 acres of Cabernet Franc and 1.5 acres of Syrah. Vine spacing is the tightest of all five Adelaida vineyards; 4 feet between vines and 8 feet between rows, 1361 vines/acre. Varying between 1,400 and 1,695 feet in elevation, these late ripening vines receive the full arc of the sun while keeping their crisp mountain fruit character, a function of elevation and the dramatic 40-50 degree afternoon cool down brought by the intrusion of the marine air flow. In 2010 Adelaida achieved SIP Certification for our sustainable vineyard practices.

The 2010 vintage produced a classic elegant style of Cabernet for Adelaida, given the combination of crisp mountain fruit and the cooler growing season. The Reserve designation represents a fruit selection from mostly, the upper ridge tops of the vineyard, with its better sun exposure, leaner soils and smaller berry size. The wine benefited from a long maturation in new oak barrels, medium toast Taransaud, Vicard and Bel Air. Showing its pedigree, "Viking" begins with a welcoming cedar-cigar box bouquet, saturated flavors of black currants and mocha with a violet lift. A rich spice cake character lingers on in the layered finish with a sense of vibrant berry fruitiness, accented by graphite minerality and restrained sweetness. Densely packaged...yet the wine conveys a light touch. This vintage should prove age worthy, if you can restrain the urge for immediate gratification, gaining complexity through 2020.

92+ points. *Wine Advocate*, Robert Parker Jr.

"A pretty, classic Cabernet, the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve offers up pure and clean aromas and flavors of black currants, mint, tobacco and dark chocolate. Medium to full-bodied, balanced and very fresh on the palate, with firm underling tannin, it should benefit from short-term cellaring and have 15 years or more of ultimate longevity. Drink 2016-2025."

Double Gold- HLSR Rodeo Uncorked 2014 International Wine Competition



VINEYARD DETAILS:

AVA: Adelaida District · Paso Robles
Vineyard: Viking Estate Vineyard
Elevation: 1400 – 1695 feet
Grade: 30%
Soils: Calcareous Limestone
Clone: 8
Rootstock: 110R
Planted Acres: 15

VINTAGE DETAILS:

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%
Cases: 235 cases produced
Release Date: Fall 2013
CA Suggested Retail: \$80

HARVEST DATES:

October 1-9, 2010

TECHNICAL DATA:

Alcohol: 14.9%
pH: 3.48
TA: 7.3 g/l
Brix: 25-27
Yield: 2 tons/acre
Fermentation: open top fermenters & stainless steel tanks with pump overs; indigenous yeast.

COOPERAGE:

Barrel aged 24 months in 100% new French oak
Bottled: 11/1/2012