VERSION RED 2010

RHÔNE STYLE BLEND

Mourvedre 37%, Grenache 28%, Syrah 22%, Cinsault 13%

Drawing inspiration from France's Chateauneuf du Pape region with its potential for dark fruit and "garigue"-like (a native wild bush) spice, this is our 9th Rhone style blend, now sourced entirely from the steep mountain ridge of our Estate Vineyard. A dedicated collection of Rhône grape varieties, Anna's mountainous 51 acres is divided between six red varieties (35.5 acres), and 4 lower elevation white varieties (15.4 acres) planted in 2007. Red varieties benefit from ideal sun exposure and exhibit the nuanced flavors of their Westside Paso location. Planted between 1595-1935 feet of elevation on a Westside Paso Robles south facing ridge line, the vines are cropped to a low yield of two tons/acre resulting in smaller berry size and a higher ratio of skin to juice. The red varietals are on an extreme 30 degree slope rooted in devigorating calcareous shale sub soils. At 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean, the afternoon marine air flow accentuates a dramatic 40-50 degree diurnal temperature cool down. 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 proceeding 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 Version Red 2010 Vintage.

Dominated by the mildly gamey personality of Mourvedre the wine is an authentic representation of its unique Westside Paso Robles terroir with its backbone of minerality and ripe fruit flavors. Medium bodied it adds weight and intensity within a few seconds on your palate, showing a compote of dark berries overlaid with a complex North African spice bazaar of cumin and coriander and an exotic element of sagebrush. Destined to improve with age, Version Red is drinking well already and can be cellared through 2017. Unfined, Unfiltered.



VINEYARD DETAILS:

AVA: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Anna's Estate 100% Elevation: 1,200 feet – 1,900 feet

Yield: 2 tons/acre

Soils: Calcareous Limestone

VINTAGE DETAILS:

Varieties: Mourvedre 37%, Grenache 28%, Syrah

22%, Cinsault 13%, Cases: 925 cases produced Release Date: Feb.12, 2013 CA Suggested Retail: \$36

HARVEST DATES:

September 16- October 21, 2010

TECHNICAL DATA:

Alcohol: 14.9% pH: 3.34 TA: 6.71 g/L Brix: 25.5°

Fermentation: 5 ton open top fermenters;

indigenous yeast.

COOPERAGE:

Barrel aged 21 months in 100% French oak

Bottled: August 23, 2012 Unfined, Unfiltered.