

## AROMA

berry preserves, mint leaves, chocolate truffles

## FLAVOR

dense, lushly textured blackberry and raspberry pie, hint of mint, chocolate covered figs

## FOOD PAIRINGS

chocolate cake with raspberry sauce, Welsh Rarebit, English Stilton, aged Cheddar, and ripe Camembert

The Don is a fortified sweet wine made in the traditional method, using authentic Portuguese varieties. This wine celebrates Adelaida's co-founder, Don Van Steenwyk, who is pictured on the bottle. Bobcat Crossing Vineyard, planted in 2003, sits on a west facing slope at the entrance of the winery property. Its 4 ½ acres are divided between Touriga Nacional, Tinta Cao, and Souzao. The winemaking involves fortifying - adding a grape spirit midway through the process, thus raising the alcoholic content and prematurely stopping the yeast fermentation. Additional complexity comes from barrel aging. Capable of long aging, the wine will gain depth and focus in the bottle.

The 2011 vintage was cool for Paso Robles and required longer hang times to achieve proper ripeness levels. Picked at sugar levels consistent with other red grapes, the three varieties are kept separate, made as individual wines, aged in neutral French oak barrels for three years and blended prior to bottling. The wine is opaque and lush with deeply extracted, heady flavors of blackberries, marionberries, raspberries, and hints of minty herbs. A second sip reveals a sense of mulled fruit preserves with overtones of sweet cedar and dark chocolate. Technically this is a Late Bottled Vintage style because of its extended aging in the barrel (over two years). Drink now through 2026 and beyond.

## VINEYARD DETAILS

AVA: Adelaida District · Paso Robles

Vineyard: Bobcat Crossing Vineyard

Elevation: 1900 - 2000 feet

Soil type: Sandy Loam

## COOPERAGE & DATA:

Barrel aged 40 months 100% neutral French oak

Harvest date: 11/8/11

Alcohol: 20%

## VINTAGE DETAILS:

Varietal: Touriga Nacional 71%, Tinto Cao 24%, Souza 5%

Cases: 241

Release date: January 2016

CA suggested retail: \$35

