

### AROMA

blackberries, plum, raw meat, Herbs-de-Provence

### FLAVOR

boysenberry preserves, tame hints of sagebrush & crushed herbs, black plums

### FOOD PAIRINGS

braised lamb w/ roasted root vegetables, grilled eggplant w/ sundried tomato ragù, cassoulet of pork shoulder w/ white beans & plum tomatoes

Adelaida's seven distinct family owned vineyards lie in the craggy hillside terrain of Paso Robles' Westside, 14 miles from the Pacific coast. Ranging from 1400-2000 feet in elevation these low yielding vines are challenged by chalky limestone soils, afternoon blasts of cool marine air and a diurnal temperature swing of 40-50 degrees.

The year of 2011 was a challenging vintage for Paso Robles. Winter brought moderate below average rainfall, followed by a warming trend in late March. As bud break began the area was hit with a cell of frigid air. Historic crop losses of 30% were experienced, especially for low lying grenache and syrah. The grenache vines struggled to reach optimum ripeness, which accentuated the proportional weighting of mourvèdre.

This wine represents Adelaida's first Reserve designation for a Rhône style blend. The wine emphasizes the personality of mourvèdre, with its characteristic mildly gamey bouquet and fleshy dark fruit. The initial invitation is a complex of aromatics, from raw meat to Provence herbs to blackberries, transitioning to velvety textured flavors of boysenberry preserves and black plums accented by sagebrush and crushed herbs. Its warm viscosity leads to a juicy persistent finish. Version Red will continue to develop in the bottle and should be drinking well into 2018.

### VINEYARD DETAILS

AVA: Adelaida District · Paso Robles

Vineyard: Anna's Estate Vineyard

Elevation: 1595-1935 feet

Soil type: Calcareous Limestone

### COOPERAGE & DATA

Barrel aged 17 months; 100% French oak;

63% new; sur lie

Harvest dates: 9/23/11 through 10/28/11

Alcohol: 15.3%

### VINTAGE DETAILS

Varietals: Mourvèdre 50%, Syrah 38% Grenache Noir 12%

Cases: 420

Release date: Fall 2014

CA suggested retail: \$45

### ACCOLADES:

91 points. *Wine Advocate*, Robert Parker Jr. – August 2014

Gold Medal. *Sunset International Wine Competition* - April 2014

