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PICPOUL BLANC 2012

Anna's Estate Vineyard Paso Robles

AROMA

grapefruit, pineapple, rising bread dough & wet river stones

FLAVOR lemon drop, white peach & crisp, granny smith apple

FOOD PAIRINGS shellfish, seafood

Adelaida's 6 distinct family owned vineyards lie in the craggy hillside terrain of west Paso Robles, 14 miles from the Pacific coast. Ranging from 1500 – 1900 feet in elevation these low yielding vines are challenged by chalky limestone soils and afternoon blasts of cool marine air, a diurnal temperature swing of 40-45 degrees.

Being our first ever, single varietal Picpoul Blanc, chances are you've never heard of this grape. Pronounced "peak-pool", it is a native white variety from the southern Rhone Valley/Languedoc region of France. "Picpoul" translates as lip stinger in the local Occitan dialect. With 2 acres planted, Adelaida has used this grape to enhance its white blends, where it adds citrus aromatics and a distinct tang to the wine's finishing flavors. In the warm vintage of 2012 this was surprisingly the last grape harvested from our vineyard. It was tank fermented in stainless and rested on its lees (yeast cells and grape sediment) for over 6 months (what the French call "sur lee", which contributed a broadening of the mouthfeel. Drink now thru 2015.

VINEYARD DETAILS

AVA: Paso Robles Vineyard: Anna's Estate Vineyard Elevation: 1,200-1,900ft Soil type: Calcareous Limestone

COOPERAGE & DATA: Alcohol: 13.9%

VINTAGE DETAILS: Varieties: 100% Picpoul Blanc Cases: 150 Release date: September 2013 CA suggested retail: \$36

