

AROMA

ruby red grapefruit, tropical fruits, pineapple

FLAVOR

honeydew melon with a squeeze of lemon juice, Asian pear

FOOD PAIRINGS

shrimp & scallop sauté w/mango avocado salsa, anchovy-lemon
marinated tuna steaks in a tomato-black olive-caper sauce

Adelaida's seven distinct family owned vineyards lie in the craggy hillside terrain of Paso Robles' Adelaida District, 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 marine air and a diurnal temperature swing of 40-50 degrees.

The 2012 vintage presented many challenges. An extreme heat wave hit the Paso Robles region in August, which elevated "brix" sugar levels and concurrently lowered natural fruit acids. With this wine we were able to add the necessary vibrancy through the addition of picpoul blanc, an obscure white variety planted in Adelaida's Anna's Estate Vineyard. The traditional roussanne and grenache blanc are present in the blend as well as viognier, all contributing richness, viscosity and the impression of sweet orchard fruit. The picpoul brings a crisp citrus edge, balancing all the components. Each variety was handled separately, a combination of tank and barrel fermentations with wines resting on their lees for 7-8 months. The complex aromatics show their best served slightly chilled, not overly cold. Drink now through 2015.

VINEYARD DETAILS

AVA: Adelaida District · Paso Robles

Vineyard: Anna's Estate Vineyard & Glenrose Vineyard

Elevation: 1595-1935 feet

Soil type: Calcareous Limestone

COOPERAGE & DATA:

75% neutral French oak & 25% stainless steel fermented; 100% neutral French & American oak barrel aged for 10 months sur lie

Harvest dates: 9/3/12 through 10/18/12

Alcohol: 14.8%

VINTAGE DETAILS:

Varieties: Grenache Blanc 33%, Picpoul Blanc 25%,
Viognier 25%, Roussanne 17%

Cases: 950

Release date: October 2013

CA suggested retail: \$ 35

ACCOLADES:

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

