

VERSION ROSÉ 2012 ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

Anna's Vineyard hosts a dedicated collection of Rhône grape varieties over the 51 acres and is divided between six red varietals (35.5 acres) and four white varietals (15.4 acres). The red varietals benefit from ideal sun exposure and exhibit the nuanced flavors of their Westside Paso location, influenced by the elevated mountain site. 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 a nearly perfect growing season, we're excited about the way the 2012 wines are developing. Not only did warm temperatures return after two consecutively cool years, but yields were up too. The heat continued into August, in which we recorded two weeks over 100, but our top-notch vineyard crew stayed on top of things and metered out enough water to keep the plants transpiring. September was virtually perfect, with warm days and cool nights and only a handful of hot days. On August 29 we harvested Syrah from Viking Vineyard as our first estate pick of the year. From that point on, the action was non-stop for six weeks, as the vineyard and production crews worked tirelessly to bring in fruit at its optimum and process it in time for the next pick.

First impressions start with the wine's light pastel-salmon color, progressing to a beguiling bouquet of citrus blossoms and alpine white flowers. This pale color reminds one of what is called "blanc de noir", or literally, white from red. This delicate shading comes from rapidly separating a portion of the juice from the skins (10%), within the first 4-5 hours after picking, known in the trade as saignee, from the French "to bleed". Hard to pin down, the ethereal bouquet is reminiscent of tangerine blossoms, with a sense of wet stone minerality. Crisp edged, the wine finishes with elongated salivating flavors of just-picked white peach enhanced by a tart squeeze of pink grapefruit.



VINEYARD DETAILS:

AVA: Paso Robles Vineyard: Anna's Estate

Elevation: 1,600 feet - 1,935 feet

Grade: 15%- 30%

Soil: Calcareous Limestone

Year Planted: 2001 Acres Planted: 51

VINTAGE DETAILS:

Varietal: Cinsault 37%, Grenache 29%

Mourvedre 29%, Carignan 5% Cases: 300 cases produced Release Date: April, 2013 CA Suggested Retail: \$20

HARVEST DATES:

Sept. 18th – Oct. 2nd, 2012

TECHNICAL DATA:

Alcohol: 14.4% pH: 3.27

TA: 6.6 g/L

Brix: 25º average ML: .5 g/L malic

Yield: 3 ton/acre average

Fermentation: 100% neutral French oak

barrel fermented

COOPERAGE:

Barrel aged 2 months in 100% neutral

French oak.

Bottled: Jan. 25th, 2013