

AROMA

tart strawberries & pomegranate, cinnamon stick, thyme, pine needles

FLAVOR

Earl Grey tea w/ strawberry infusion, thyme scented veal stock, mild soy

FOOD PAIRINGS

baked leeks w/ Iberico ham wafers, canapés of smoked cow's milk cheese w/ caramelized onions, carpaccio of sirloin drizzled w/ olive oil & manchego cheese

Adelaida's seven distinct family owned vineyards lie in the hillside terrain of Westside Paso Robles, 14 miles from the Pacific Coast. Ranging from 1500 – 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 40-45 degrees.

This year's Nonconformist is a nontraditional "Paso blend" combining mostly Rhône varietals and zinfandel. While the wine is mainly influenced by the trio of grenache, mourvèdre and syrah, the outlier zinfandel makes its presence known with its contribution of high toned red berry qualities to the mid-palate. Blends like this are the ultimate winemaker's statement, showing the "alchemy" of combining disparate grapes that when joined take the individual flavors to a new level. A bit of aeration gives rise to a scent of fresh cut roses and a background of red fruit. The brightness and crisp texture make a mouthwatering match for mealtime.

All grapes were handled separately, de-stemmed on arrival, fermented on indigenous yeast and aged 19 months, mostly in neutral French oak barrels. Ideal for pairing with tapas and small plates, the 2012 Nonconformist can be enjoyed now through 2017.

VINEYARD DETAILS

AVA: Paso Robles

Vineyards: Anna's Estate Vineyard & other neighboring vineyards

COOPERAGE & DATA

Barrel aged 19 months in 100% French oak; 30% new

Harvest dates: 8/29/12 through 10/19/12

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE DETAILS

Varietals: Grenache 33%, Mourvèdre 26%, Syrah 12%, Zinfandel 11%, Cunoise 9%, Cinsaut 5%, Carignane 4%

Cases: 1045

Release date: Fall 2014

CA suggested retail: \$20

