

ADELAIDA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013

SIGNATURE SERIES | VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD | ADELAIDA DISTRICT

AROMA	Violets, cassis syrup, blackberries, graphite shavings, burning ember
FLAVOR	Black cherries, espresso roast, dark chocolate, cedar spice
FOOD PAIRINGS	Hanger steak with Chinese five-spice rub, pepper crusted tuna with ginger-wasabi dipping sauce, coffee marinated short ribs with garlic mashed potatoes
VINEYARD DETAILS	Viking Estate Vineyard 1400 - 1695 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil

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 and afternoon blasts of cool marine air, and a diurnal temperature swing of 40-50 degrees.

Location is what makes the Viking Vineyard a prized site, capable of producing wines of piercing fruit concentration. Mountain grown fruit, chalk-rock soils, south facing exposure, and a marine influenced microclimate, are the elements needed to produce a monumental Cabernet Sauvignon.

The worrisome drought and warm vintage of 2013 proved ideal for controlling yields and ripeness. Harvested in at the beginning of September through the middle of the month, grapes were hand-sorted, moved to lot specific, small stainless steel vats, allowed a brief cold soak with juice pump overs continuing to yeast inoculation, and twice daily cap management pump overs and punch downs. This year's winemaking emphasized extended post fermentation maceration, allowing the wine to remain on its skin for 30 days. With elements of a high toned violet nose, black currants, scorched earth, and sweet cedar, this wine is still evolving. Drink now through 2029.

92 points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

91 points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine



VARIETAL	Cabernet Sauvignon 100%	COOPERAGE	Aged for 26 months in French oak (50% new)
RETAIL	\$80.00	RELEASE	March 2016
ALCOHOL	15.7%	HARVEST DATE	9/2/13 through 9/15/13
CASES	365		

