

VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD

# ADELAIDA

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ADELAIDA DISTRICT - PASO ROBLES

2014

AROMA	A kaleidoscope of dried cranberries and fresh cherries, violets, graphite dust, chocolate shavings, cured tobacco leaf
FLAVOR	Cranberry skin, black currants, toast, cedar wood, fine grained dark chocolate
FOOD PAIRINGS	Olive oil and rosemary marinated beef tenderloin pan seared with Parmesan shavings, port braised shortribs, grilled flap steak with salsa verde
VINEYARD DETAILS	Viking Vineyard   1400 - 1695 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil

Adelaida's 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.

The Viking Estate Vineyard, at 1700 feet, in the coastal range of the Santa Lucia Mountains captures a quality and personality very different from grapes grown on the valley floor. Several factors define the Adelaida style: low vigor, well drained soils (calcareous limestone), stressing the vines, and producing smaller berries and low yields; south facing exposures produce ideal physiological ripeness; a mountain micro-climate that elevates UV absorption and contributes to retention of natural fruit acidity.

2014, a classic vintage for the region, was characterized by its consistency, particularly a lack of heat spikes that plague the Paso Robles region. The 3rd year of low rainfall added a measure of stress to the vines contributing to low yields and enhanced skin phenolics. Harvest from mid to late September benefited from warm conditions yielding high levels of skin pigments and fruit density. Small lot fermentations were followed by prolonged maceration, ultimately finishing in French oak for 20 months (50% new). The final wine emphasizes the power and thrust of Cabernet Sauvignon with aromatic and flavor nuances from Malbec, Petite Verdot, and Cabernet Franc. The wine shows the enhanced ripeness associated with California with firm yet broad tannins, cranberry-like fruit accented by graphite minerality, sweet tobacco, and dark chocolate.



*92 - 94 points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

VARIETALS	Cabernet Sauvignon 76%, Malbec 12%, Petite Verdot 8%, Cabernet Franc 4%	COOPERAGE	Aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (50% new)
ALCOHOL	15.5%	RELEASE	January 2017
CASES	1053	RETAIL	\$60.00
		HARVEST DATE	9/6/14 - 9/15/14