

ADELAIDA

KEEPER

ADELAIDA DISTRICT - PASO ROBLES
2015

AROMA	Ripe blackberries and blueberries, dried thyme, chocolate tinged espresso, roasting meat
FLAVOR	Compote of black plums, blackberries and blueberries dusted with herbs de Provence and cracked white pepper
FOOD PAIRINGS	Dutch oven braised shortribs, lentil stew with sweet Italian sausage and mustard greens, Cuban style chicken stew with pimento stuffed olives and capers
VINEYARD	Anna's Estate Vineyard 1595 - 1935 feet
DETAILS	Calcareous Limestone

Adelaida's distinct family-owned vineyards lie in the 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 cool marine air, and a diurnal temperature swing of 40-50 degrees.

A value oriented Rhone style red blend emphasizing the savory flavors of Syrah, Mourvèdre and Grenache. The Keeper shows the bold, primary flavors of dark fruits and baking spices with a fresh, drink-now personality. The five grape varieties, all sourced from our Anna's Estate vineyard on a steep 1900 ft. ridge line in the coastal Santa Lucia range. The vines, planted in 2001 are south facing, farmed organically, and follow a regimen of limited irrigation (known as deficit irrigation).

Grapes were picked between early to mid September, harvested in the cool dawn hours, hand sorted, de-stemmed and sorted again grape by grape with a laser-optical sorter. Fermented in small batches in multiple vessels, both concrete and neutral barrels, Adelaida utilizes indigenous yeast, and practices an active cap management with daily pump-overs and punch downs. The finished wine matured for 18 months in mostly 2nd and 3rd use French oak and 11% new barrels. Delivering an immediacy of fresh bold, sun ripened exuberant fruit, the flavors are reminiscent of blackberries, blueberries, herbs de Provence, tapanade, cracked white peppercorns, roasting pan juices and chocolate shavings. Best enjoyed in the near term, drink now through 2021.



VARIETAL	Syrah 38%, Mourvèdre 20%, Grenache 19%, Cinsault 12%, Counoise 11%	COOPERAGE	Aged 18 months in French oak (11% new)
ALCOHOL	15.7%	RELEASE DATE	October 2017
CASES PRODUCED	600 cases	RETAIL	\$30.00