ADELAIDA

CHARDONNAY HMR 2019

ADELAIDA DISTRICT · PASO ROBLES

AROMA Almond paste, Pear, Ripe apple, wet stone (petrichor)

FLAVOR Lemon verbena, Candied ginger, Fresh Fig

FOOD Chicken breast Saltimbocca (with sage and prosciutto) or PAIRINGS Fresh Maryland Crab Cakes over Mexican Corn Soup

VINEYARD HMR Estate Vineyards | 1600 - 1735 feet

DETAILS Calcareous Limestone

Adelaida has seven organically-farmed vineyards in the coastal influenced Santa Lucia Mountain Range on the west side of the Paso Robles AVA. Situated on steep hillsides, these sites lie within the Adelaida District, a sub-appellation in the northwest corner of the wine region. With elevations ranging from 1400 - 2050 ft, limestone subsoils, and extreme diurnal temperature swings, averaging 45 degrees, Adelaida produces wines with distinct expressions of their site.

HMR is the abbreviated name of Hoffman Mountain Ranch, the original vineyard planted by Dr. Stanley Hoffman. This historic property dating from the early 1960s is devoted exclusively to Burgundian grape varieties, rarely found in Paso Robles. Adelaida purchased the HMR estate in 1994. This choice real estate, planted in a narrow east-to-west gap of the Santa Lucia mountain range, lies in a uniquely cooler micro-climate, benefiting from the moderating afternoon onshore Pacific air current. The 2019 harvest was notable for ample rainfall during the winter, cool days with sporadic wind and rain during bloom, and moderate temperatures during the ripening and harvest period. Yields were average across the majority of varietals. Throughout the harvest the fruit was hand sorted, whole-cluster pressed and transferred to stainless steel tank to allow solids to separate from the juice. The wine was then moved to French oak barrels (35% new) where it fermented with indigenous yeast, continuing through a natural 100% malolactic fermentation and further matured for 9 months with occasional lees stirring.

The unique Paso Robles Chardonnay begins with a note of struck flint and bright citrus zest in the bouquet, awakening the palate with bright natural fruit acidity and flavors of Meyer lemon and golden delicious apple. Aged sur lie, this wine delivers the perfect balance of crisp character and rich texture, delivering a finishing act of sweet vanilla, fresh-baked brioche, and warm graham cracker crust. Delicious in its youth, this Chardonnay also has the makings for long-cellaring. Enjoy now through 2029.



VARIETAL Chardonnay 100%

COOPERAGE Barrel aged 9 months in French oak

(35% new)

ALCOHOL 14.3%

HARVEST DATE September 2019

CASES 528

RELEASE DATE Fall 2020

RETAIL \$45.00

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