

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON/SYRAH SIGNATURE

VIKING VINEYARD

2023

AROMA Blackberry jam, Blueberry crumble, Violets, Olive tapenade

FLAVOR Luxardo cherry, Cocoa nibs, Boysenberry, White pepper

FOOD PAIRINGS Grilled Kalbi with ginger and sesame bok choy;
Tumeric seasoned cauliflower over garlic butter polenta

VINEYARD DETAILS Viking Estate Vineyard | 1400 - 1700 feet
Calcareous Limestone

Adelaida's organically-farmed estate vineyards are located 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.

The 2023 growing season at Adelaida was the longest and coolest in 12 years. We received 30.66" of rainfall—10 inches more than in the 2022 growing season—and did not see even a single day hit 100F (although we came close on July 15, when it hit 99.77F). We began picking on September 5. August and September were especially cool, and there were many points when we worried that ripening might not occur before the rains came. Fortunately, October days were nice and warm, and the rains did not begin until November 18, well after our final pick of the year on November 8.

Usually a blend of Cabernet from Viking Vineyard and Syrah from Anna's Vineyard, the 2023 vintage comes entirely from Viking Vineyard. Known for producing mineral-driven wines of precision and balance, this site once again delivers. The 2023 Cabernet/Syrah stays true to that legacy, opening with elegant aromas of violet, blackberry, and blueberry jam, accented by a subtle note of olive tapenade. On the palate, these aromas unfold into a layered expression of cocoa nibs, Luxardo cherry, and boysenberry, with a gentle touch of white pepper. The result is a smooth, remarkably drinkable wine that will continue to gain complexity with time in the bottle. Enjoy now, or cellar for up to six years for peak expression.



VARIETAL	Cabernet Sauvignon 56%, Syrah 44%	COOPERAGE	Aged for 20 months in 40% new French oak barrels
ALCOHOL	14.2%	RELEASE	Spring 2026
CASES	345	RETAIL	\$80.00
