

ADELAIDA



RHONE STYLE RED 2002 Paso Robles

VINEYARDS

The varietals for this Rhone style blend come from a neighboring westside Paso Robles vineyard, the Glenrose Vineyard. Don Rose, from whom we these Rhone varietals, has chiseled an extreme vineyard out of a limestone engrained mountainous site contiguous to our own Viking Estate Vineyard.

All of the cuttings originate from Chateau de Beaucastel in the Chateauneuf-du-Pape region of France.

GROWING SEASON

The winter of 2002 was extremely cold — vines drifted into deep dormancy and budbreak was delayed until late March. The change of season showed a change in temperature as early spring was mild with occasional morning frosts. The fruit slowly matured through summer under exceptionally cool growing conditions that were interrupted by several heat spikes. Harvest occurred about two weeks later than usual. Yields were of average size, but the long hang time resulted in great concentration of flavor.

WINEMAKING

This wine was made in the traditional style of the Rhone region of France. We blended together the classic grapes of the Chateauneuf-du-Pape (Mourvedre, Grenache, Syrah and Counoise) to produce this full bodied Rhone blend that shows both its heritage and the terroir of the limestone mountains where it was grown.

TASTING NOTES

This aromatic and complex wine warrants the Adelaida Estate label. This mountainous 1800 ft. elevation property produces ridiculously low yields, and the resulting wine expresses vivid flavors of dark fruit essence with a fresh gamey core and a lasting finish that lingers into next year. Enjoy this wine now through 2009.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Paso Robles	Yield:	2.0 tons/acre
Vineyard:	Glenrose Vineyard	pH:	3.78
Varietal content:	50% Mourvedre, 11% Grenache, 22% Syrah, 17% Counoise	TA:	4.6 g/L
Harvest dates:	Aug. 28 –Oct. 5, 2002	Finished alcohol:	14.1%
Brix:	26.5	Bottling date:	August 13, 2004
Fermentation:	7–11 days in open top fermenters	Production:	420 cases
Aging:	22 mos. in 100% French oak barrels, various coopers (17% new)	Release date:	Nov. 15, 2004
		CA suggested retail:	\$25.00