

# ADELAIDA



## SCHOOLHOUSE RECESS RED 2003

Paso Robles

### VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine were sourced from neighboring vineyards on the west side of Paso Robles. The final blend consists of six varietals (primarily zinfandel and primitivo). The fruit chosen for the "Schoolhouse" brand comes from the same vineyard sources as our Estate label and offers great value for the money.

### GROWING SEASON

Following a winter of typical intermittent storms, an especially warm spring allowed for an early flowering with bud break in mid-March. An extended growing season was marked by occasional morning fogs exposing the vineyards to transitional mid-day warming and late afternoon marine cooling. The resulting long hang times contributed to full ripening of grape sugars, seed, and skin tannins; ultimately enhanced by balanced natural fruit acidity.

### WINEMAKING

Individual lots were fermented on natural yeasts and matured in a combination of new and neutral oak barrels. The art of blending shows the sensitivity of the winemaker's palate. The ability to foresee a future harmony of diverse, component parts is a modern day alchemy. Small additions can brighten and add an element of vitality to a base blend. Varieties which maintained vibrant fruit acidity were key parts of this food oriented "recipe".

### TASTING NOTES

Blended wines are part mystery and part chemistry, a real witches' brew. The idea of combining some 7 varieties into a finished wine would be daunting to "Oz" let alone us mere mortals. It takes an astrologer's wisdom to foresee the final outcome. Worthy of the magical arts, we have fashioned a hearty, robust style wine with an enticing vanilla bean and ripe berry bouquet. Youthful, it has a soft cedary entry, and its supple red berry flavors lead to a well delineated sweet and sour cherry finish accentuated by lively natural acidity. This wine is designed for current drinking and embraces our philosophy of "sense of place" and food compatibility.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Paso Robles	Finished alcohol:	14.9%
Vineyard:	Various Westside Paso Robles Vineyards	Bottling date:	March 14, 2006
Varietal content:	zinfandel 46%, primitivo 19%, cabernet sauvignon 15%, barbera 10%, counoise 4%, tinta cao 3%, grenache 3%	Production:	2,795 cases
Aging:	Barrel aged for 30 months in French and American oak (12% new)	Release date:	July 1, 2006
		CA suggested retail:	\$13.00