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FINDER 2012

Adelaida Estate Paso Robles

AROMA

wild flower honey, granny smith apples, citrus blossoms

FLAVOR

fleshy, ripe peach, flinty minerality, citrus-nectarine compote

FOOD PAIRINGS

grilled shrimp remoulade, saffron crab cakes, salade nicoise

Adelaida's family owned vineyards include six distinct properties totaling 172 acres in the craggy hillside terrain of Paso Robles' west side. Only 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean these are steep and elevated sites (1500 – 1900 feet), characterized by chalk rock limestone soils. Afternoon blasts of coastal air create a daily microclimate that swings 40-50 degrees. Stressed vines produce low yields of precise flavors.

Finder is a Rhone style white blend made exclusively from Estate grown grapes. Although the 2012 season finished with a stretch of very hot days these warm weather acclimated varieties showed their true potential, with aromatic blossom-like bouquets and classic stone fruit flavors. Fermented in neutral barrels (3rd and 4th use barrels) combined with lees stirring, contributed viscosity and a rich midpalate mouth feel, while stainless tank fermentations (mostly Picpoul Blanc) added a sense of racy finishing fruit acidity. The characteristic green apple personality of Grenache Blanc merges with Viognier's lush ripe peach and honey-like flavors complexed by the grapefruit tartness of Picpoul Blanc. Drink now through 2014.

VINEYARD DETAILS

AVA: Paso Robles Vineyard: Anna's Estate Vineyard Elevation: 1,200-1,900ft Soil type: Calcareous Limestone

COOPERAGE & DATA 43% Stainless steel fermented & aged; 57% fermented & neutral oak aged 6 months sur lie Harvest dates: 8/3/2012 & 9/1/2012 Viognier, 10/10/2012 Grenache Blanc, 10/18/2012 Picpoul Blanc Alcohol: 15%

VINTAGE DETAILS Varieties: Grenache Blanc 45%, Viognier 40%, Picpoul Blanc 15% Cases: 830 Release date: August 2013 CA suggested retail: \$25

