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ZINFANDEL 2013

Adelaida District · Paso Robles

AROMA

wild raspberry, fresh blueberry, pink peppercorns, woodsy with exotic hints of jasmine and orange blossoms

FLAVOR

vibrant acidity, juicy tart cherry, white pepper, fennel fronds

FOOD PAIRINGS

marbled rib-eye with pink peppercorn cream sauce, spiced winter squash soup with fennel, grilled Chinese five-spice chicken

Adelaida's distinct family owned vineyards lie in the craggy hillside terrain of Paso Robles' Adelaida District, 14 miles from the Pacific coast. Ranging from 1400 – 2000 feet in elevation these low yielding vines are challenged by chalky limestone soils and afternoon blasts of cool marine air, and a diurnal temperature swing of 40-50 degrees.

A somewhat classic Paso Robles harvest, the 2013 growing season went smoothly without any major heat spikes or cool stretches. It was dry, being the third year with drought conditions, which meant harvest was early and also fast. Yields were slightly down, but the complexity of flavors have proved to be very promising.

Ruby red with a bouquet of briary wild raspberry, hints of floral perfume and spice. This wine has bright acidity reminiscent of fresh tart baking cherries, followed by a long finish with dark fruit, cracked pepper and herbs. Drink now through 2017.

VINEYARD DETAILS AVA: Adelaida District · Paso Robles Vineyards: Michael's Vineyard Elevation: 1580-1935 feet

COOPERAGE & DATA Barrel aged 12 months 100% French oak; 20% new Harvest dates: 9/20/13 through 10/8/13 Alcohol: 15.5

VINTAGE DETAILS Varietals: Zinfandel 100% Cases: 605 Release date: Fall 2015 CA suggested retail: \$25

