

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

ADELAIDA

ZINFANDEL

MICHAELS VINEYARD - PASO ROBLES

2018

AROMA	Black cherry, Baking spices, Raspberry
FLAVOR	Mixed berry compote, Vanilla, Black plum, Cloves
FOOD PAIRINGS	Smoked baby back ribs with spicy BBQ sauce; Arugula salad with candied walnuts, goat cheese, and pomegranate seeds
VINEYARD DETAILS	Michael's Vineyard 1600 - 1700 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil over Clay

Adelaida has seven organically-farmed vineyards 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.

Michael's Estate provides an ideal location for Zinfandel with mostly southern exposures, situated on a rolling hillside terrain at 1600 - 1700 ft. elevation. Here, head-trained, dry-farmed "heritage" vines (transplanted scions from two century-old Paso Robles vineyards) produce small yields of flavorful fruit. The 2018 growing season progressed regularly with cool spring temperatures, elevated summer temperature, and cooling throughout the harvest months. These factors led to even ripening in the vineyards and high fruit quality. The finished wine matured in a combination of 40% new French and Hungarian oak barrels and 60% neutral barrels for 15 months.

The 2018 Michael's Zinfandel is a beautiful representation of the varietal. The deep ruby and violet color entices the eyes. The aromas of black cherry, raspberry, vanilla, and cinnamon are abundantly clear when brought to the nose. Finally, mixed berry compote, cloves, and black plum become evident on the palate and round out this wine to form a classic example of Zinfandel. Enjoy now or hold until 2024.



VARIETAL	Zinfandel 80%, Petite Sirah 20%	COOPERAGE	Aged 15 months in new French oak and Hungarian barrels
ALCOHOL	14.9%	RELEASE	March 2020
CASES	633	RETAIL	\$ 45.00
