

VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD

ADELAIDA

2016 VIKING BLEND ADELAIDA DISTRICT - PASO ROBLES

AROMA	Violets, crème de cassis, black cherries, cedar, vanilla, graphite minerality
FLAVOR	Just picked black cherries, blueberries, mocha, dark chocolate shavings, vanilla bean spice
FOOD PAIRINGS	North African style braised chicken with green olives and preserved lemon; Chinese style ribs with Guava BBQ sauce; grilled burgers with Argentinian parsley sauce
VINEYARD DETAILS	Viking Vineyard 1400 - 1695 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil

Adelaida has seven sustainably-farmed vineyards in the coastal influenced Santa Lucia mountain range, on the west side of the Paso Robles appellation. Situated on steep hillsides, these sites lie within the 'Adelaida District', a sub AVA in the northwest corner of the wine region. Elevation (1500-2000 ft.), slope, chalk rock sub soils (calcareous limestone) and extreme diurnal temperature swings (averaging 45 degrees) produce wines with distinct expressions of their 'terroir'.

A Cabernet dominant blend, this ensemble cast of four classic Bordeaux varieties from our celebrated Viking Vineyard demonstrates the precision of fruit character from these mountain grown grapes. Two elevated sites contributed to this blend, our original 25 year old Viking vineyard at 1700 feet and the 10 year old Upper Viking Vineyard at 1900 feet. Characterized by bright color, etched fruit expression, vibrant natural fruit acidity, and buttressing tannins, this wine prophesies long life. 2016, Paso Robles' fourth year of drought, was a stellar vintage with plentiful summer heat, a consistent range of warm but not extreme temperatures which produced balanced fruit profiles and a mouth filling depth of phenolic matter. All varieties were night harvested over a seven week period, emphasizing multiple selective picks. Fruit was cluster sorted, de-stemmed, individual grapes optically scanned followed by traditional foot treading and moved to oak foudre fermentation vats utilizing native yeast cultures enhanced with daily cap plunging. Each variety was handled separately, maturing in mostly new French oak barrels for a 20 month elevage, followed by blending trials and the final assemblage.

A textbook expression of mountain grown grapes the wine is a laser beam of crisp edged fruit purity, violet aromatics, and salivating flavors of just-picked black cherries and blueberries with crystalline minerality and finishing notes of extra dark chocolate and vanilla bean spices. Recommend decanting for current drinking, will move into a willowy congeniality in due time, developing silky textures and further integration of fruit and oak. Drink through 2030.



VARIETALS	Cabernet Sauvignon 58%, Malbec 18%, Petit Verdot 13%, Cabernet Franc 11%	COOPERAGE	Aged 20 months in French oak (70% new)
ALCOHOL	15.2%	RELEASE	Spring 2019
CASES	700 cases	RETAIL	\$50.00