

# ADELAIDA

## 2021 Fall Allocation Custom 6 & 12 Tasting Notes

### Winemaker's Selection

Our default selection for members - Custom 12 Allocation members receive 2 bottles of each of the following wines.

#### 2020 Anna's White

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARDS

**Retail \$40 | Club \$32**

*Roussanne 52%, Grenache Blanc 39%, Picpoul Blanc 9%*

This vintage of Anna's White brings to the stage a star trio of Adelaida's white varietals. Strikingly aromatic, this dry wine opens with aromas of salty ocean air, crushed seashell, and lemon zest. The palate shows yellow pear and fig sprinkled with candied ginger, rounded out with notes of warm pie crust and French baguette. It's a refreshing wine to sip well chilled at an alfresco lunch, yet with ample volume to enjoy with richer fall dishes. This is a superb vintage for our estate-grown white varietals. Drink now through 2023.

#### 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$60 | Club \$48**

*Cabernet Sauvignon 100%*

The deep and meaningful ruby-purple color bodes well for this wonderful wine in a stunning vintage. Ethereal and enchanting, precise and persistent with pastille aromas of crème de cassis, rose oil, and dried violets all waft to the nostrils. Go deeper for cedar, incense, balsam and wood smoke. Indicative of winemaker Jeremy Weintraub's penchant for purity, detail, and above all, sense of place, our high-altitude Viking Estate yields wines that fit perfectly in to Jeremy's ethos. This powerful wine delivers the goods with concentrated black currant, cherry-vanilla overtones followed by mountain pass wild herbs, savory spice-cake, licorice and camp fire. A wine of structure and nuance. Enjoy now for the glories that are joyous vibrant fruit flavors or age 5 years for nuance, finesse, and detail. Drink through 2027.

## 2019 Pinot Noir

HMR ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$60 | Club \$48**

*Pinot Noir 100%*

Power with grace, structure with finesse. These dynamics are on full display with the contrasting yet complementing aromas of fruit (black cherry, black raspberry) and earth (wet stone and black truffle). A first sip delivers the perfect purity of fruit in the form of deliciously ripe, round, and supple textures. Tastes of mulberry fruit, Asian spice, and exotic tea are bound together with silken textures. This wine has it all, including structure and grip reclining on a cushioned pillow of charm and delight. The overall harmony in this fine wine embodies the axiom that flavor and character are site-specific and therefore ultimately expressed by, and derived from, the vineyard locale. This wine exhibits the best of both worlds, with savory and earthy old-world qualities and delightful yet often elusive varietal purity found in world-class Pinot Noir. Drink now through 2028.

95 Points & Editor's Choice | *Wine Enthusiast*

## 2019 Zinfandel

MICHAEL'S ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$45 | Club \$36**

*Zinfandel 100%*

Our Michael's Estate Vineyard yields a strikingly flamboyant and showy Zinfandel while maintaining beautiful purity, balance, and finesse, all attributed to the rare limestone-based soils. Michael's Zinfandel, ever the flamboyant extrovert, showing off with loads of blueberry pie tang yes, but grate on some nutmeg and mace why don't you. Behind such bravado you might well be surprised to find refined flavors and tastes; purity of perfect raspberry, savories of sauce, mezzaluna the Oregano, elegance, in Zinfandel? Sip now though with exuberance or hold a full ten years (properly stored) for the chameleon to show its colors.

## 2018 Anna's Red Signature

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$65 | Club \$52**

*Grenache 32%, Syrah 27%, Mourvèdre 23%, Petite Sirah 18%*

The grapes destined for the 2018 Anna's Red Signature were picked at night, de-stemmed, and quickly followed by optical sorting and foot treading. Fermentation proceeded in concrete tanks with indigenous yeast cultures. The wine matured in a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels. Complex, enigmatic, and intricate, this multi-faceted gem shows what can be accomplished through the art of blending wine through the layering of components for building flavor. Opening with fruit-derived aromas of blackberry, mountain huckleberry, and maraschino cherry that slowly give way to rich notes of fine English leather, fresh-tilled soil, and dark roast coffee. On the palate, this wine is grounded with flavors of plum and raspberry, with strong undertones of tobacco, baking cocoa, and wild lavender. It is a wine to draw you in and hold your attention over a few contemplative swirls. Drink now through 2027.

93 Points | Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*

93 Points | Antoni Galloni, *Vinous*

## 2017 Syrah

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$45 | Club \$36**

*Syrah 100%*

A luxurious and opulent wine, this Syrah shows deep purple color, and fills the nose with aromas of milk chocolate, blackberry preserves on toasted brioche, with floral notes of jasmine, honeysuckle, and lavender. Balancing its robust character, this wine displays a vibrant fruit acidity, and on the palate shows notes of black plum, black pepper, and cured meats. A hearty companion for big dishes drink now through 2025.

## Additional Wine for Allocation

### 2018 Twenty Three Twenty Signature, Proprietary Blend

ADELAIDA ESTATE VINEYARDS

**Club-Exclusive \$80**

*Syrah 34%, Petite Sirah 30%, Mourvèdre 17%, Cabernet Sauvignon 15%, Alicante Bouschet 4%*

Twenty Three Twenty is our exclusive proprietary blend, named for the highest point of elevation in the Paso Robles AVA. This vision was slowly developed to represent the absolute finest of the vintage; the pinnacle of all that each year represents. Being the last of our bottlings every year, it allows our winemaker, Jeremy Weintraub, time to taste through every component. Only after diligently tasting each barrel is the blend created to showcase how distinctly different each vintage can be. It's a testament that represents the best of the best for each year. The wine is characterized by the blue fruit notes of Syrah, richness of Petite Sirah, earth of Mourvèdre, and the powerful structure of Cabernet Sauvignon, all combined to deliver this showstopper from what is a superb vintage. Drink now through 2028.

96 Points | Antoni Galloni, *Vinous*

95 Points | Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*

95 Points | *Wine Enthusiast*

### 2018 Mourvèdre Signature

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$65 | Club \$52**

*Mourvèdre 100%*

Mourvèdre can only be grown in specific locales throughout the world. Paso Robles has the climate that provides the right conditions for the grape to shine. The wine starts with a fresh nose of blackberry and vanilla, incorporating reminiscent scents of California underbrush. The palate expresses an intriguing combination of plum, freshly dried tobacco leaves, and a salami characteristic, sometimes described as gamey. These flavors combine into a wine that can be enjoyed in the near term or with a little age. Enjoy now through 2025.

94 Points | Antoni Galloni, *Vinous*

92+ Points | Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*

## 2018 Anna's Red

ANNA'S ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$50 | Club \$40**

*Grenache 46%, Mourvèdre 35%, Petite Sirah 10%, Syrah 5%, Alicante Bouschet 4%*

It's complicated, blended wine by definition being more difficult to describe than a single varietal. Adelaida's very essence of the blend is that a single component should not dominate. Yes, the Bramble, Huckleberry, and Blueberry notes rejoice alongside savory earthy elements and crushed rock aromas that Syrah and Mourvèdre are so famous for, yet Grenache predominates here. Such a refined perfume of raspberry and plum playing more the supporting role with this release. Savory succulence and silken textures grace the palette of this engaging complex collaboration. A wine to watch the sunset and contemplate the teinturier of Alicante Bouschet. Drink now through 2025.

## 2018 Carignan

DON-JULIETTE ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$45 | Club \$36**

*Carignan 100%*

This unique varietal brings a bright and complex symphony of fruits, spices, and mouth-watering savoriness. It is occasionally described as a hypothetical melding of the elegance of Pinot Noir with the robust heartiness of Petit Sirah. The bouquet opens with a bright high-toned note of dried red (Cranberry and Raspberry) fruits and herbal tea, followed by spicy notes of cinnamon and star anise. The palate shows bright with balanced juiciness, notes of freshly picked cherries, fresh fennel, and rosebud. This both robust and polished rendition finishes with a rich medley of savory umami-loaded flavor. Drink now through 2024.

## 2020 CHARDONNAY

HMR ESTATE VINEYARD

**Retail \$45 | Club \$36**

*Chardonnay 100%*

Barrel aged for 9 months, the wine was left undisturbed (apart from routine topping) on the yeast, adding a sense of brioche-like richness to the crisp-edged fruit. Characterized by its distinctive limestone-driven aromatics combined with new world citrus zest, the wine opens to a mid-palate of pear-like fruit richness, sea salt taffy roundness, and finishing with the persistence of underlying crushed stone. This is a superb vintage of our estate-grown Chardonnay. Drink now through 2024.