

# ADELAIDA

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ADELAIDA DISTRICT - PASO ROBLES

2017

**AROMA** Freshly crushed blackberries and black cherries, vanilla-mocha, sweet pipe tobacco

**FLAVOR** Ripe black cherries, blackberry liqueur, mocha, vanilla bean

**FOOD PAIRINGS** Chipotle burgers with avocado salsa; balsamic glazed flank steak rolls with Ratatouille vegetable filling; Venison stew with sautéed porcini mushrooms

Adelaida has 6 sustainably-farmed properties in the coastal influenced Santa Lucia mountain range on the west side of the Paso Robles appellation. Situated on the 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 'terrior'.

2017 was notable for a late spring weather anomaly; a cool cycle with accompanying wine which negatively effected grape flowering i.e. pollination, resulting in an uneven fruit set known as "shatter". Yields were reduced, particularly with Cabernet Sauvignon. For this vintage, grapes were sourced from notable local vineyards in the mountainous northwestern sub-region of Paso Robles. Harvested in the last two weeks of October, picking commenced in the cool early morning hours and upon arrival at the winery grapes were hand sorted and de-stemmed with a final precision optical scanning which identifies and removes individual imperfect berries. Processing continued with traditional foot treading and fermentation in multiple tanks with indigenous yeast cultures. The new wine matured in 225 L French oak barriques (40% new) for 20 months.

Suave and immediately engaging, the wine's ruby gemstone color draws you close to aromas of soft red berries (blackberries and black cherries) with complementary notes of allspice, vanilla bean and sweet mocha. Rounded textures characterize the mouth-feel with moderate tannins and the persistence of ripe berry flavors extend through the long finish with impressions of mocha and vanilla bean. Enjoy now through 2025.



**VARIETALS** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**COOPERAGE** Aged in 40% new French oak for 20 months

**ALCOHOL** 14.8%

**RELEASE** Fall 2019

**CASES** 2,200 cases

**RETAIL** \$50.00