

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'.

The growing season for 2017 started off with our first significant rain event in five years. The weather showed normal progression for Paso Robles with warm days and cool nights, ideal conditions for vine development. Following veraison, the region experienced a number of heat spikes which created dehydration in some of the clusters, calling for a high degree of selectivity in the vineyard and winemaking. Yields were reduced, particularly with Cabernet Sauvignon. For this vintage, grapes were sourced from other notable local vineyards in the mountainous northwestern sub-region of Paso Robles. Fruit was picked at night starting in the second week of October. The grapes were cluster sorted and de-stemmed, before being passed through the optical sorter to remove any shriveled berries. Fermentation utilized indigenous yeast cultures in multiple tanks and barriques. 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
