

ADELAIDA DISTRICT
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ZINFANDEL
MICHAEL'S ESTATE VINEYARD
2021

AROMA	Raspberry, Blueberry pie, Dried cranberry
FLAVOR	Mixed berry cobbler, Violet, Blackberry, Nutmeg
FOOD PAIRINGS	Chipotle & tamarind grilled chicken breast; Smoked mushroom pizza with tallegio and parmesan cheese
VINEYARD DETAILS	Michael's Vineyard 1700 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil over Clay

Adelaida's organically-farmed estate vineyards are located 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.

The winter months between 2020-2021 were cool and dry, with just 7.25 of rainfall and an average temperature of 51 degrees Fahrenheit. These conditions spurred an early bud break, followed by a moderate spring and warm summer with no heat waves. These conditions allowed harvest to proceed at a mostly predictable pace; the sugars evolved slowly due to limited heat spikes, and the acids remained high across all varieties. Night harvested to preserve fruit integrity and freshness, the incoming clusters were hand sorted, de-stemmed, and optically sorted to remove any flawed grapes. Traditional foot treading prepared the grapes for fermentation in concrete vats using Adelaida's indigenous yeast culture.

The 2021 vintage presents a balanced and food-friendly wine with no shortage of classic bramble berry essence. With a vibrant ruby color that suggests boysenberry and cranberry, the fruit-filled palate exudes ripe black raspberry and hints of dense blueberry. Though this wine shows restrained alcohol and higher acidity, classic and perfumed Zinfandel is not lost. Open this bottle now for a bright and racy glass, or age through 2027 for further complexity.



VARIETAL	Zinfandel 76%, Petite Sirah 24%	COOPERAGE	Aged in French oak barriques (30% new) for 15 months
ALCOHOL	14.6%	RELEASE	Fall 2023
CASES	510	RETAIL	\$45
