

ADELAIDA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE

ADELAIDA DISTRICT - PASO ROBLES

2013

AROMA	Violets, red currants, cedar-wood, graphite (pencil lead)
FLAVOR	Crème de cassis, black raspberry-blueberry compote, espresso roast
FOOD PAIRINGS	Pan seared filet mignon with balsamic reduction, French onion dip burger layered with caramelized onions and ridged chips, Beef Bourguignon
VINEYARD DETAILS	Viking Estate Vineyard 1400 - 1695 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil

Adelaida's distinct family-owned vineyards lie in the craggy hillside terrain of Paso Robles' Adelaida District, 14 miles from the Pacific coast. Ranging from 1400–2000 feet in elevation these low yielding vines are challenged by chalky limestone soils and afternoon blasts of cool marine air, and a diurnal temperature swing of 40-50 degrees.

This Estate wine comes from our celebrated Viking Vineyard. Elevation and coastal influence change the micro-climate characteristics of this hillside, contributing wider swings of day to night-time temperatures, an extended growing season, and compact clusters with an enhanced skin to juice ratio. Long a benchmark for "Paso Cabs" Viking Vineyard's mountain fruit has the racy vibrancy of blue and red berries and the savory, structured tannins of its characteristic small berries.

2013 was the second year of the current drought conditions but one final storm energized the vines through their initial growth. A classic Central Coast warm summer proved ideal for ripening without the heat spikes that sometimes beset the region. Grapes were picked throughout mid-September, hand sorted, de-stemmed, and fermented in a series of small lot-sized tanks. Cap management consisted of daily pump-overs and punch-downs with extended post-fermentation maceration. With a bit of aeration the wine walks the fashion runway of flavors, from red currants to black raspberries, from cedar-wood to graphite minerality, finishing energetically with notes of mocha and vanilla spice.



VARIETALS	Cabernet Sauvignon 100%	COOPERAGE	Aged for 26 months in French oak (43% new)
ALCOHOL	15.5%	RELEASE	June 2016
CASES	276	RETAIL	\$25.00
		HARVEST DATE	9/2/2013 through 9/15/2013
