

ADELAIDA

TRIBE 2013
SIGNATURE SERIES | ESTATE VINEYARDS | ADELAIDA DISTRICT

AROMA	Crushed plums, blackberries, tobacco leaf, chocolate shavings
FLAVOR	Plum pudding, blackberry cobbler, meat extract, espresso roast
FOOD PAIRINGS	Olive crusted lamb with adzuki bean stew, Asian ribs with 5-spice rub and Hoisin glaze, grilled bison with black rice and Shiso plum compote
VINEYARD DETAILS	Anna's, Michael's, and Viking Estate Vineyards 1600 - 1900 feet Calcareous Limestone & Clay

Adelaida's seven 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.

The "Tribe" is a small production, non-traditional "Paso Blend" made exclusively for our wine club members. Demanding creativity, it challenges the winemaker to create harmony from an unconventional marriage of diverse grape varieties. This year's blend is 67% Rhône varieties showing the weight and density of Syrah and Petite Sirah. Zinfandel from our dry-farmed Michael's Vineyard brings a sense of exuberant red berries and Petit Verdot contributes tannin and bright acidity.

2013 brought consistent warm temperatures. Handled separately, each varietal was hand-sorted, de-stemmed, moved through a brief cold soak in tank, followed by yeast inoculation and fermentation with daily pump-overs and punch downs. The wine was racked to a selection of new and previously used French and Hungarian cooperage. The wine is plush and softly textured, full of dark fruits, reminiscent of black plums and blackberries married to a sense of meatiness and fine chocolate nuances. Drink now through 2021.

91 points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate



VARIETAL	Syrah 47%, Zinfandel 23%, Petite Sirah 10%, Grenache 10%, Petit Verdot 10%	COOPERAGE	Aged for 26 months in French oak (50% new)
RETAIL	\$55.00	RELEASE	March 2016
ALCOHOL	14.9%	HARVEST DATE	9/1/13 through 9/18/13
CASES	225		

