

HMR ESTATE VINEYARD

ADELAIDA

PINOT NOIR HMR 2015

ADELAIDA DISTRICT · PASO ROBLES

AROMA	Macerated black cherries, raspberry tea, forest floor leafiness, bay laurel, dried flowers
FLAVOR	Cherry skin, brewed tea, fine cedar wood, sarsaparilla, tootsie roll
FOOD PAIRINGS	Duck Breast with Pomegranate Glaze, Oven baked Salmon fillets with wilted arugula, roast coffee rubbed pork loin with balsamic gravy
VINEYARD DETAILS	HMR Estate Vineyard 1600 - 1735 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, a diurnal temperature swing of 40-50 degrees.

Pinot Noir is the heart and soul of our winemaking quest. Rarely found in the warm Paso Robles AVA, our 33 acre site overcomes the conventional wisdom of inappropriateness. Its coastal mountain microclimate, affinity for the indigenous limestone, and old vine provenance (dating from 1964) are precursors of its potential for nobility. The vineyard clones are known as the "HMR Selection" essentially a mixed family of old vine genetic mutations that have evolved. Their small pine cone shaped clusters are typical of the best vineyards in Burgundy.

Harvested in the pre-dawn hours fruit is hand sorted, partially de-stemmed, and individual berries are optically sorted. Small batch indigenous yeast fermentation combining 30% whole cluster is preceded by a brief cold soak followed by a 14 month sojourn in a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels. Liquid Hermaphrodite, the wine possesses an initial gossamer silkiness morphing into flavors of black cherry, raspberry tea, and forest floor dusted with whorls of spicy potpourri. It will outgrow its current adolescence in a few months, best enjoyed from late 2017 through 2023.



VARIETAL	Pinot Noir 100%	COOPERAGE	Aged 14 months in French oak (30% new)
ALCOHOL	13.9%	HARVEST DATE	8/29/2015 - 9/8/2015
CASES	302	RELEASE DATE	April 2017
RETAIL	\$60.00		

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