

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

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KEEPER
PASO ROBLES
2022

AROMA	Black Raspberry, Hint of pepper, Designer leather, Wild herbs
FLAVOR	Huckleberry, Ripe dark plum, Brambly berry notes, Summer savory
FOOD PAIRINGS	Braised & grilled chicken thighs with mustard and chestnuts; Porcini mushroom risotto
VINEYARD DETAILS	Anna's Vineyard 1400 - 1695 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil

Adelaida has organically-farmed vineyards 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 feet, limestone subsoils, and extreme diurnal temperature swings, averaging 45 degrees, Adelaida produces wines with distinct expressions of their site.

The 2022 vintage started with roughly 20 inches of rainfall and hinted at consistent summer temperatures that did not see peaks or troughs. This was until our extreme heat event that expedited harvest and will likely mark the vintage for all of California. The heat wave hit at the exact moment when the fruit was at the tail end of its ripening journey. With over a week of 105-degree-plus temperatures, this vintage forced vintners/viticulturists to decide on picking grapes early with higher acids or later, running the possibility of over-ripe fruit.

This Syrah-dominant wine has a deep, dark blue color that hints at its bold flavors of bramble, huckleberry, and blueberry. It also has savory and earthy notes and aromas of crushed rock, which are typical of Syrah. The first sip offers a fresh and robust taste with juicy blue fruit flavors and exotic spice notes. The rare Counoise grape adds flavors of anise, wild strawberry, and licorice. Grenache provides bright notes of summer savory and juicy raspberry and plum flavors in the mid-palate. Earthy Mourvèdre rounds out the wine with hints of violets and pepper, along with tannins, structure, and limestone-soil notes. This wine is fruity enough to drink now, but it has a serious side that pairs well with many foods.



VARIETAL	Syrah 43%, Counoise 23%, Grenache 17%, Mourvedre 17%	COOPERAGE	Aged in neutral French oak for 18 months
ALCOHOL	15%	RELEASE	2025
CASES	145	RETAIL	\$30