

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

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## ZINFANDEL

ADELAIDA ESTATE VINEYARDS

**2023**

<b>AROMA</b>	Wild huckleberry, golden raspberry, cacao nibs
<b>FLAVOR</b>	Bing cherries, mint, iron
<b>FOOD PAIRINGS</b>	Moroccan Tagine (lamb or chicken) with dried apricots; Pomegranate salad with lentils and goat cheese
<b>VINEYARD DETAILS</b>	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 2023 growing season at Adelaida was the longest and coolest in 12 years. We received 30.66" of rainfall—10 inches more than in the 2022 growing season—and did not see even a single day hit 100F (although we came close on July 15, when it hit 99.77F). We began picking on September 5. August and September were especially cool, and there were many points when we worried that ripening might not occur before the rains came. Fortunately, October days were nice and warm, and the rains did not begin until November 18, well after our final pick of the year on November 8.

The 2023 Zinfandel is an expressive and focused wine that captures the unique energy of the vintage. Opening with a vibrant aromatic profile, it reveals a compelling blend of wild huckleberry and bright golden raspberry, rounded out by the subtle, sophisticated bitterness of cacao nibs and a lift of freshly cracked white pepper. On the palate, the wine is elegant and structured, led by concentrated flavors of dried cherries. These fruit notes are balanced by a distinct, cooling note of bruised mint, leading to a long, mineral-driven finish. This Zinfandel is a testament to the harmony between fruit intensity and the savory, earthy character of the Paso Robles terroir.



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<b>VARIETAL</b>	Zinfandel 90%, Petite Sirah 10%	<b>COOPERAGE</b>	Aged for 15 months in neutral French oak barrels
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.9%	<b>RELEASE</b>	Spring 2026
<b>CASES</b>	360	<b>RETAIL</b>	\$45

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