

HMR ESTATE VINEYARD

ADELAIDA

GAMAY HMR 2014

ADELAIDA DISTRICT · PASO ROBLES

AROMA	blackberry infused tea, raspberry preserves, walnut oil, sandalwood
FLAVOR	blackberry skins, fine black tea, roasted meat
FOOD PAIRINGS	confit duck legs with shallots, wild mushrooms and parsnips, Vietnamese Pho, Coq au Vin
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.

Gamay Noir is the grape variety associated with Beaujolais in Southern Burgundy. Rarely found in California, Dr. Stanley Hoffman planted one acre of Gamay and 33 acres of Pinot Noir on the HMR Vineyard in 1964. Situated on the southernmost portion of the vineyard at the lowest elevation, it is cooler than the surrounding terrain.

All Beaujolais style wines are not the same. Winemaker Jeremy Weintraub has made Adelaida's first "Cru Beaujolais". Cru Beaujolais is the term awarded to 10 villages that have the best terroir, meeting a higher standard than basic Beaujolais i.e. smaller vineyard yields and traditional barrel aging protocols. Previous Gamay wines at Adelaida have been in the "Nouveau" style producing a simple, fruity, drink now, celebratory wine, released a mere 7 weeks after harvest. Winemaking this year employed foot treading, stem inclusion, open top fermenting with punch downs and 14 months in neutral French oak barrels. Reminiscent of the village Morgon, this full bodied wine has deep and powerful black raspberry/blackberry fruit with earthy black tea structure, and meaty density. Drink now through 2020.



90 POINTS - ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS

VARIETAL	Gamay 100%	COOPERAGE	Barrel aged 14 months in neutral French oak barrels
ALCOHOL	12.9%	HARVEST DATE	8/25/2014
CASES	62	RELEASE DATE	March 2016
RETAIL	\$30.00		

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