

HMR ESTATE VINEYARD

ADELAIDA

PINOT NOIR HMR 2014

ADELAIDA DISTRICT · PASO ROBLES

AROMA	Cherry, forest floor, and plums
FLAVOR	Black fruits, pomegranate, za'atar spice blend, beefy juiciness
FOOD PAIRINGS	Salmon in lemon-oregano oil with plum tomato, confit duck legs with leeks and green olives, poached lamb sausage with dried persimmons and thyme
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. 2014 brought warm temperatures but HMR is a cooler, sheltered site. Highlights of the harvest include hand-sorting, yeast inoculation, and partial stem inclusion during fermentation. Barrel ageing followed in a selection of French cooperage from different forests and toast levels. The HMR label indicates best barrels and best vineyard sites. The wine soars with penetrating red plum and black cherry fruit, complexed by mineral earthiness and an autumnal forest floor, spice laden finish. Drink now through 2022.

90 POINTS - ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS



VARIETAL	Pinot Noir 100%	COOPERAGE	Aged 16 months in French oak (33% new)
ALCOHOL	14.1%	HARVEST DATE	8/25/2014 - 9/27/2014
CASES	892	RELEASE DATE	April 2016
RETAIL	\$60.00		

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