

ADELAIDA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

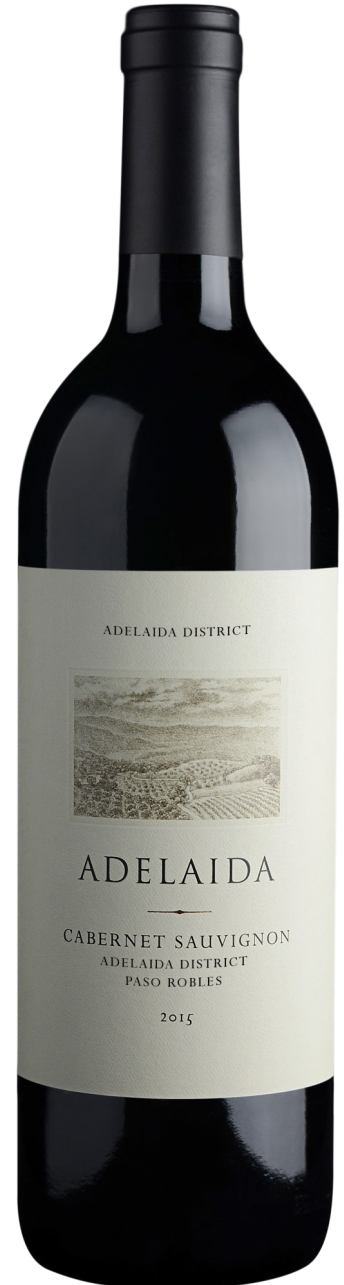
ADELAIDA DISTRICT - PASO ROBLES
2015

AROMA	Violet flowers, black currants, graphite minerality, tobacco leaf curing shed, cedar incense
FLAVOR	Black currants, black plums, mocha, cherry liqueur, earthy complexities
FOOD PAIRINGS	Rotisserie chicken basted with date syrup, pan roasted veal chop with Cabernet sauce, rosemary-pepper rib roast with porcini jus
VINEYARD DETAILS	Adelaida Estate Vineyards 1595 - 1935 feet Calcareous Limestone over Clay

Adelaida's Estate Vineyards encompass 6 distinctive properties in the coastal influenced Santa Lucia mountain range on the west side of the Paso Robles appellation. These Estate hill-top sites lie in the center of the recently designated 'Adelaida District', one of 11 sub AVAs within the larger region and are distinguished by elevation and slope (1500-2000 ft.), chalk rock sub soils (calcareous limestone) and the extreme diurnal temperature swings (daily 40-50 degree fluctuations). Wines made from these difficult sites are expressions of their unique 'terroir' and show our vineyard's special sense-of-place.

2015 was the third year of an extended drought. Shortly after bud break we experienced a late spring cold spell that affected the fruit pollination and resulted in a severely reduced crop. Vines directed their energy into smaller partial clusters. This shortfall required us to out-source a small percentage of fruit from nearby growers within our mountain appellation. Our Viking Estate fruit is the largest component of this barrel select blend which also includes small amounts of Malbec and Petite Verdot. The variety of microclimates in our local hilly westside area dictated multiple small harvests over an 8 week period from early September through mid November. Each pick was vinified independently moving through stages of hand sorting, de-stemming, optical sorting to native yeast fermentation in a combination of wood foudres and concrete vats and final ageing for 20 months in both new (50%) and previously used French oak barrels.

The wine demonstrates the character of its mountain heritage showing a bold fruit profile, a sense of tightly wound inner energy translated into flavor extracts of blackberries, blueberries, elements of cedar-cigar-box with its fine maduro tobacco leaf and hints of cocoa powder in the resonant finish. Made for the long haul, its youthful grip and density beg for food pairings, additional bottle age will add a mellow complexity, lasting through 2025.



VARIETALS	Cabernet Sauvignon 100%	COOPERAGE	Aged for 20 months in 50% new French oak
ALCOHOL	15.5%	RELEASE DATE	Summer 2018
CASES PRODUCED	560 cases	RETAIL	\$60