

ADELAIDA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ADELAIDA DISTRICT - PASO ROBLES

2016

AROMA	Perfectly ripe black cherries, vanilla
FLAVOR	Black currants, dark chocolate shavings, paprika spice
FOOD PAIRINGS	Warm fennel and radicchio greens sliced, lightly grilled beef tenderloin with parmesan shavings. Seared strip steak with caramelized shallots and herb butter.
VINEYARD DETAILS	Adelaida District 1500-2000 ft. Calcareous Limestone Soil

Adelaida's six organically farmed vineyards lie in the coastal influenced Santa Lucia mountain range, on the mountainous west side of Paso Robles. Situated on very steep hillsides, these sites are now part of the "Adelaida District", a sub AVA in the northwest corner of the region. Mountainous elevations (1500-2000 ft.), steep slopes, chalk rock sub soils (calcareous limestone) and extreme diurnal temperature swings (averaging 45 degrees) produce wines with distinct expressions of site.

2016 was the fifth drought for our vineyards, though grapes developed nicely through the spring and early summer with the key ripening months of August and September giving us temperatures within the low to mid 90 degrees. Our 'Paso Robles' designation combines predominately Adelaida Estate grapes from the steep Viking Vineyard plus additional select fruit from neighboring sites, all within the Adelaida District AVA. Always showing its Cabernet Sauvignon pedigree, the wine delivers a Bordeaux-like statement due to its final blending with Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petite Verdot.

The grapes were foot trod and fermented in a carefully chosen combination of large oak foudres, concrete vessels and stainless steel, followed by a 20 month sojourn in previously used (neutral) French oak barrels. The wine has an approachable suppleness, full of ripe black cherry fruitiness combined with flashes of dark chocolate shavings lightly dusted with mild paprika spice. Immediately engaging, the wine is meant for current drinking with a 5 year continuing window of enjoyment. Drink up by 2024.



VARIETAL	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 2% Petite Verdot	COOPERAGE	Fermented in wood, concrete and stainless steel, aged 20 months in neutral French oak
ALCOHOL	14.5 %	RELEASE	July 2019
CASES	882	RETAIL	\$35.00
