

ADELAIDA DISTRICT



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CABERNET SAUVIGNON/SYRAH SIGNATURE

TWO VINEYARD BLEND - PASO ROBLES

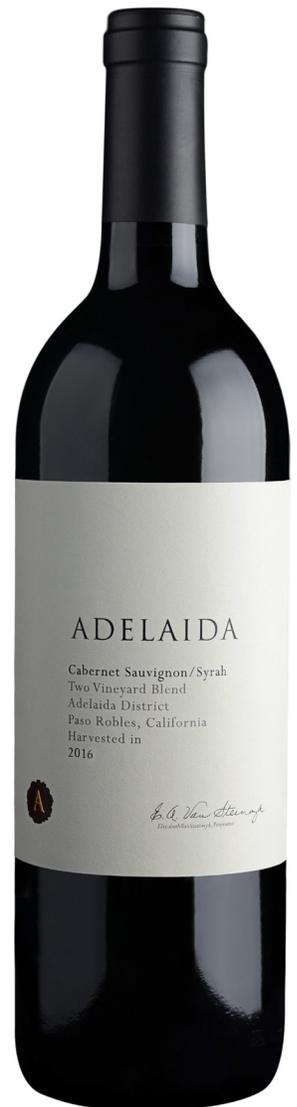
2016

- AROMA** Plum torte, cherry cobbler, premium milk chocolate, mulling spices
- FLAVOR** Ripe cherries, Damson plums, Belgian chocolate, Christmas spices
- FOOD PAIRINGS** Pot roasted lamb shanks with cannelloni beans; pulled pork and goat cheese quesadillas; bacon wrapped venison medallions with sautéed wild mushrooms
- VINEYARD DETAILS** Viking Estate Vineyard | 1400 - 1700 feet | Calcareous Limestone Soil
Anna's Estate Vineyard | 1600 - 2000 feet | Calcareous Limestone Soil

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 idea of combining Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah originated in Australia in the 1950's with a wine called "Grange Hermitage". It has become the example of a perfect marriage. These two powerhouse grapes combine their best properties: Cabernet's firm structure and distinctive blackcurrant fruit with Syrah's hearty, broad textures and fleshy black savoriness. Adelaida has along experience with this blend which shows the high-toned aromatics and fruit precision of two estate vineyards.

The low rainfall and moderate, yet warm temperatures of the 2016 season proved ideal for producing wines of deep color and full flavor. Harvested throughout September, the night-picked grapes were destemmed, optically sorted and fermented with indigenous yeast cultures in small batch wood and concrete fermenting vessels. They matured for 20 months in a high proportion of new French oak barrels, ultimately becoming an equal 50/50 marriage. The finished wine conveys the suave richness of creamy milk chocolate and ripe cherries wrapped in a coat of mulled Christmas spices and sweet cedar. It is a wine of reigned-in power yet processing a full attack of black and blue fruits in a velvety embrace. Immediately attractive, it will see growing complexity over a conservative 10 year drinking window. Enjoy through 2026.



VARIETAL	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Syrah	COOPERAGE	Aged in French oak (60% new) for 20 months
ALCOHOL	15.4%	RELEASE	Spring 2019
CASES	232 cases	RETAIL	\$75.00