

ADELAIDA

CHARDONNAY HMR 2020

ADELAIDA DISTRICT · PASO ROBLES

AROMA	White peach, Citrus zest, Wet stone, Sea foam, Grilled nuts
FLAVOR	Fresh Clementine orange, Ripe pear, Salt water taffy
FOOD PAIRINGS	Creamy garlic lobster fettucine; Grilled tofu cobb salad
VINEYARD DETAILS	HMR Estate Vineyard 1600 - 1735 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil

Adelaida has five organically-farmed vineyards 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 feet, limestone subsoils, and extreme diurnal temperature swings, averaging 45 degrees, Adelaida produces wines with distinct expressions of their site.

Compared to past vintages in the Adelaida District 2020 was slightly warmer and culminated in typical yields across most varieties; even as Adelaida received just 12.4 inches of rain during the 2019-2020 winter. Adelaida's four acres of Chardonnay lies in a sheltered swale of the Santa Lucia Range, some 14 miles from the Pacific coast. These grapes were harvested in the cool of night, hand-sorted, whole cluster pressed, and fermented on indigenous yeast in mostly neutral oak.

Barrel aged for 9 months, the wine was left undisturbed (apart from routine topping) on the yeast, adding a sense of brioche-like richness to the crisped fruit. Characterized by its distinctive limestone-driven aromatics combined with new world citrus zest, the wine opens to a mid-palate of pear-like fruit richness, sea salt taffy roundness, and finishing with the persistence of underlying crushed stone. This is a superb vintage of our estate-grown Chardonnay. Drink now through 2024.



VARIETAL	Chardonnay 100%	COOPERAGE	9 months in French oak (35% new)
ALCOHOL	14.3%	RELEASE DATE	Fall 2021
CASES	729	RETAIL	\$45

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