

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

ADELAIDA

ZINFANDEL

MICHAEL'S ESTATE VINEYARD

2022

AROMA	Boysenberry, Blueberry pie, Cinnamon, Baking spices
FLAVOR	Blueberry preserves, Tart plum, Smoked paprika, Garam masala
FOOD PAIRINGS	Balsamic, mushroom, and Fontina pizza; Fig, bacon, and carmalized onion grilled cheese
VINEYARD DETAILS	Michael's Vineyard 1700 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil over Clay

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 2022 vintage started with roughly 20 inches of rainfall and hinted at consistent summer temperatures that did not see peaks or troughs. This was until our extreme heat event that expedited harvest and will likely mark the vintage for all of California. The heat wave hit at the exact moment when the fruit was at the tail end of its ripening journey. With over a week of 105-degree-plus temperatures, this vintage forced vintners/viticulturists to decide on picking grapes early with higher acids or later, running the possibility of over-ripe fruit.

The 2022 Michael's Zinfandel is a delightful blend of bold and fruit-forward aromas with hints of boysenberry, clove, and blueberry pie. On the palate, it offers rich flavors of fruit leather, black cherry, and garam masala, creating a harmonious medley of sweet and savory notes. The wine's flavors are complemented by spice and a smooth, lingering finish. It's an excellent choice for those who appreciate a bright and full-bodied wine with layers of complexity. Drink now through 2030.



VARIETAL	Zinfandel 90%, Petite Sirah 10%	COOPERAGE	Aged in 30% new French oak for 15 months
ALCOHOL	14%	RELEASE	Fall 2024
CASES	815	RETAIL	\$45