

ADELAIDA DISTRICT

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CABERNET FRANC SIGNATURE

VIKING ESTATE VINEYARD

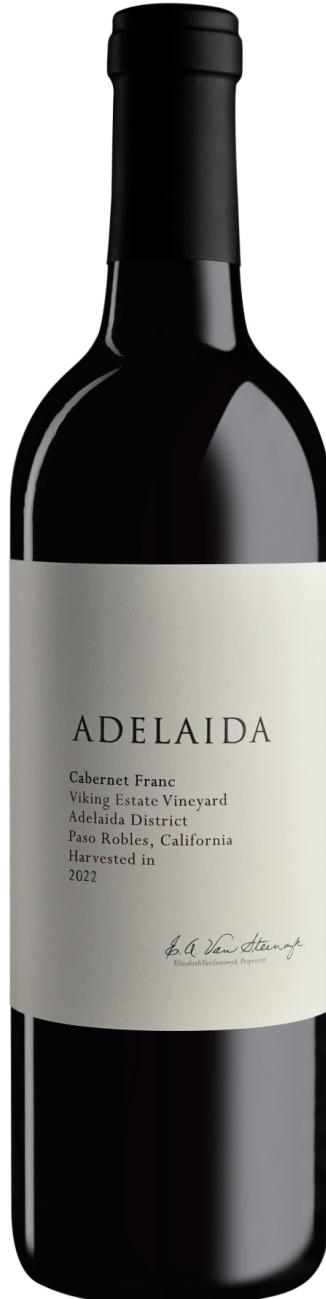
2022

AROMA	Violet perfume, Black currant, Graphite, Pink peppercorn
FLAVOR	Red plum, Fresh cranberry, Chocolate covered Acai,
FOOD PAIRINGS	Braised pork shoulder with parsnip purée, served with sauce Espagnola Red lentil “bolognese” with herb laced pappardelle pasta
VINEYARD DETAILS	Viking Estate Vineyard 1400 - 1700 feet Calcareous Limestone Soil

Adelaida's organically-farmed estate vineyards are 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 Cabernet Franc benefits from an early harvest season. The decision to pick slightly early in the season has resulted in bright aromas of cranberry and black currant bolstered by the essence of violet perfume. These fresh aromas are complemented by a depth of flavor, including plum and chocolate-covered acai. This impressive vintage will age gracefully, so you can enjoy this wine now or let it develop further by drinking it between 5 and 15 years from now.



VARIETAL	Cabernet Franc 100%	COOPERAGE	54% new French oak for 20 months
ALCOHOL	14.2%	RELEASE	Fall 2025
CASES	189	RETAIL	\$80.00
