

RIDGE 2019 GRENACHE BLANC

77% GRENACHE BLANC, 18% PICPOUL, 5% ROUSSANNE
ADELAIDA VINEYARD PASO ROBLES 14.0% ALC BY VOL

HISTORY

This is our second Adelaida Vineyard bottling. Paso Robles is the epicenter of new Rhone plantings in California. We are fortunate to be able to source grapes from Adelaida Vineyards, who planted grenache blanc, roussanne, viognier and picpoul blanc among other more established varieties such as grenache noir, syrah and mourvedre (or mataro). Their vineyard lies on the limestone hills of the Adelaida District, thirteen miles from the Pacific coast. Warm days, cool nights and balanced vines promote great acidity in the grapes.

FIRST RIDGE ADELAIDA VINEYARD: 2018

VINTAGE

Rainfall: 35 inches (above average)

Bloom: Late May

Weather: Spring was cool and wet, summer had warm to hot days with cool nights

Harvest Dates: 13 – 20 September

Grapes: Average Brix 23.9°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Fermentation: Whole-cluster pressed. Natural primary finished February 2020, and secondary finished by April 2020.

Barrels: 88% barrel aged in air-dried American oak barrels; 8% new, 9% three-year-old; 61% four-year-old, 10% five-year-old, 12% six-year-old. 12% concrete tank aged.

Aging: Eight months in barrel

pH: 3.27

TA: 6.9 g/L

Sustainably farmed, hand-harvested grapes; whole-cluster pressed; fermented on the native yeasts; full malolactic on the naturally occurring bacteria; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective SO₂, 35ppm at crush and 40ppm during aging. Pad filtered at bottling. In keeping with our philosophy of minimal intervention, this is the sum of our actions.



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2019 Grenache Blanc, bottled June 2020

Heavy winter rains continued into spring, hitting the vines during bloom. Persistent summer fog slowed ripening for a mid-September harvest. Whole-cluster pressed, each varietal was fermented separately in barrels and small concrete tanks. Stirring the barrels throughout malolactic enhanced aroma and texture. An early assemblage and bottling captured the wine's freshness and beautiful fruit. It can be enjoyed now and over the next five years. EB (4/20)



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Adelaida Vineyard is located in Paso Robles – Adelaida District

Soils: Fractured limestone soils, including shale and sandstone.

Age of Vines: Twenty years old

Training: Head-trained, spur pruned, vertical trellis.

Yields: 3 tons per acre

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