

RIDGE 2020 GRENACHE BLANC

77% GRENACHE BLANC, 15% ROUSSANNE, 8% PICPOUL
ADELAIDA VINEYARD PASO ROBLES 13.0% ALC. BY VOL.

HISTORY

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.

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VINTAGE

Rainfall: 28 inches

Bloom: Late May

Weather: Light winter rains.

Harvest Dates: 12 & 14 September

Grapes: Average Brix 21.6

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Fermentation: 100% direct-to-press whole cluster. 100% natural primary and secondary (malolactic) fermentation.

Barrels: 88% barrel aged in air-dried American oak barrels; 20% new, 80% two- to six-year-old. 12% concrete tank aged.

Aging: Five months in barrel

pH: 3.20

TA: 6.15 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 28ppm 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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2020 Grenache Blanc, bottled May 2021

Limestone soils, coupled with a warm climate, create ideal growing conditions for this wine. After whole cluster pressing, each varietal was fermented separately. Roussanne was included to enhance mouthfeel. Picpoul brings lively acidity and focus to the restrained stone fruit, mineral palate. This refreshing wine can be enjoyed immediately upon release and will gain complexity over the next four to five years. JO (3/21)



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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: 3.6 tons per acre

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