

# RIDGE 2021 GRENACHE BLANC

90% GRENACHE BLANC, 6% ROUSSANNE, 4% PICPOUL  
ADELAIDA VINEYARD PASO ROBLES 13.8% 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.

## FIRST RIDGE ADELAIDA VINEYARD: 2018

### VINTAGE

**Rainfall:** Just under 10 inches

**Bloom:** Late May

**Weather:** Winter was very dry, with less than 10 inches of rain. Spring and summer were typical of Paso Robles' west side; cool nights and warm days.

**Harvest Dates:** 4 & 27 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 22.7°

### 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:** 3.21

**TA:** 6.53 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 SO<sub>2</sub>, 35 ppm at crush and 63 ppm 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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*2021 Grenache Blanc, bottled May 2022*

After a dry winter, the vines struggled to find water and nutrients during the growing season. This, coupled with limestone rich soils, resulted in a wine with greater concentration, lively acidity and appealing minerality. All the grapes were pressed as whole clusters, then aged on the lees for six months. This vibrant grenache blanc is enjoyable now, or for added complexity, can be aged for four to five years. TG (4/22)



### SITE

**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:** 2 tons per acre

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