

2019 Paladin

72% Zinfandel, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 4% Malbec

The dark and brooding nose showcases black licorice, Sichuan peppercorn, hoisin and just a hint of vanilla. The lively palate opens up with Bing cherry, raspberry, rolling tobacco, and dried bay leaf that is bound together by precise tannins that melt away into a focused and elegant finish

Vineyard

100% Estate: Block 2 Maidie Vineyard. Adelaida District, Paso Robles.

Fermentation

Destemmed and cold soaked for 7 days with daily pump-overs.

7-day fermentation with a mix of delestages, pump-overs and punchdowns for cap management. 14-day total maceration.

Cooperage and Elevage

Aged for 22 months in 225L barriques

40% new Hungarian oak, 40% used Hungarian oak, and 20% used French oak.

Alc: 15%

pH: 3.56

TA: 6.8 g/l

Bottling Date: 7/26/2021. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.