Signature
2012 • PASO ROBLES

“Signature” is the winemaker’s hallmark blend of the vintage that is unconstrained by convention to create a memorable, ageworthy wine of distinction and balance— in other words the signature wine of the vintage. This year’s blend is made from Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah. Both varieties are known for their intense color, generous amount of flavor and rich tannins that will continue to develop with proper aging.

Petit Verdot comes from both our Adelaida Springs Ranch and Huerhuero vineyards while Petite Sirah is sourced from our Creston Valley Vineyard. At an elevation of 1,700 feet and just 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean, Adelaida Springs Ranch is a small vineyard planted in rocky calcareous soils, resulting from uplifted ancient sea beds. Huerhuero, in the hilly terrain between the El Pomar and Geneseo Districts, benefits from its calcareous subsoils and the moderating Pacific breezes that blow through the Templeton Gap in the afternoon. Creston Valley Vineyard has picture perfect high terrain southern exposure and shallow soils with noticeable granulated limestone. These vineyards have very limiting soils that produce tiny berries, low yields and intense, concentrated wines with remarkable balance and structure. This vintage reflects the 10th anniversary of this limited-production Estate Cuvée that was aged in selected tight grain French oak barrels for 20 months.

Tasting Notes
COLOR: Deep garnet
AROMA: Dark berries and plum with mocha and anise notes
TASTE: Full-bodied with dark fruit; richly textured tannins linger into a velvety finish

Recommendations
Serve at 62° – 65° F
Enjoy now through 2026
Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F
Decanting recommended
Pairing suggestions: Braised beef, venison Osso Buco or dense cheeses

Technical Notes
Harvest date
BRIX
Vineyard
Blend
09.27.12 – 10.22.12
25.5
Huerhuero
Petit Verdot 51%
Adelaida Springs Ranch
Petit Verdot 29%
Creston Valley
Petite Sirah 17%
Adelaida Springs Ranch
Petite Sirah 3%

AGING:
20 months in French oak barrels
BOTTLING DATE:
06.18.14
RELEASE DATE:
09.04.15
CASES PRODUCED:
560 (packed in 1120 bottle cases)
ALCOHOL:
13.9%
PH:
3.77
TOTAL ACIDITY:
6.4 g/L

Kevin Willenborg, Winemaker
A rich and bold wine, capturing the vintage