

CÔTES DE TABLAS
2021



The Tablas Creek Vineyard Côtes de Tablas is a blend of four estate-grown Rhône varietals: Grenache, Syrah, Counoise and Mourvedre. Like most wines of the Southern Rhône, it showcases Grenache, featuring that grape’s characteristic generous fruit and refreshing acidity, balanced by the spice and mineral of Syrah, the appealing briary wildness of Counoise and the structure of Mourvèdre.

TASTING NOTES

An immediately appealing nose of sugarplum and wild strawberry, herbes de Provence and charcuterie. The mouth shows notes of milk chocolate and red cherry, deepened with olive tapenade and sweet green herbs. Some youthful Grenache tannins come out on the long, juicy finish. Enjoy any time over the next decade.

PRODUCTION NOTES

The grapes for our Côtes de Tablas were grown on our Regenerative Organic Certified™ and biodynamic estate vineyard.

The 2021 vintage came after a chilly, relatively dry winter, the exception being a single storm that dropped more than a foot of rain on us in late January. The cold, dry winter produced a fruit set with smaller clusters and smaller berries, and yields were down about 25% compared to our average. The growing season was ideal, with each hot stretch followed by a cool period that allowed the vines to recover, and that combined with the low yields to produce some of our most intense fruit ever and our highest average acids since the chilly 2011 vintage. We believe that 2021 has all the hallmarks of a blockbuster year.

All varietals were fermented in a mix of stainless steel and wooden upright fermenters with the use of native yeasts. After pressing, the wines were racked, blended in June 2022, aged for a year in 1200-gallon French oak foudres, and then bottled in February 2023. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered.

APPELLATION

Adelaida District Paso Robles

BLEND

47% Grenache
30% Syrah
15% Crounise
8% Mourvedre

13.5% Alcohol by Volume

1,100 Cases produced

FOOD PAIRINGS

- Grilled steaks
- Pastas with meat sauces
- Rich beef stews
- Spicy sausages

