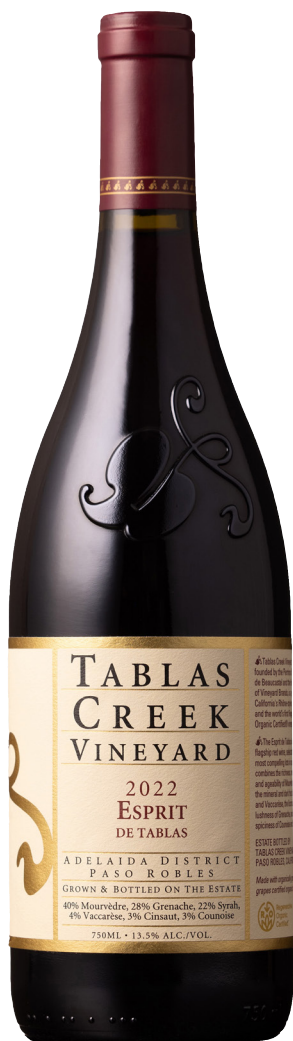




ESPRIT DE TABLAS 2022



The Tablas Creek Vineyard 2022 Esprit de Tablas is our flagship red blend, chosen from the best lots of six estate-grown varieties propagated from budwood cuttings from the Château de Beaucastel estate. The wine is based on the dark red fruit, earth, spice and mid-palate richness of Mourvèdre, with additions of Grenache for forward fruit, approachability and lushness, Syrah for mineral, aromatics, and back-palate tannins, Counoise for brambly spice and acidity, as well as the dark, herby Vaccarese and the juicy, spicy Cinsaut.

TASTING NOTES

A serious nose of pipe tobacco, both red and black currant, licorice, and a little minty lift. The mouth is on point with flavors of black raspberry, mint chocolate, meat drippings, and loamy earth. Deep and full but structured as well, with fine-grained tannins and a finish of sweet spice and dark red fruit.

PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2022 vintage was our third year of drought, but because the rain that we received came early, the vines showed good health though with cluster counts down by about 15%. A cool first half of the summer was followed by our hottest-ever August and September, producing an early start and an even earlier finish to harvest. The vintage's extremely low yields produced concentrated flavors, noteworthy texture, and intense fruit.

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

The grapes were fermented using native yeasts in a mix of 1500-gallon wooden upright fermenters, open-top tanks and closed stainless steel fermenters. After pressing, the wines were moved into barrel and allowed to complete malolactic fermentation. The Esprit's components were then selected for Esprit, blended in June 2023 and aged in 1200-gallon foudre before bottling in July 2024.

APPELLATION

Adelaida District Paso Robles

BLEND

40% Mourvedre
28% Grenache
22% Syrah
4% Vaccarese
3% Counoise
3% Cinsaut

13.5% Alcohol by Volume

2925 Cases Produced

FOOD PAIRINGS

- Game
- Dark Fowl
- Richly flavored stews
- Lamb
- Asian preparation of red meats (beef stir fry)

