



## PATELIN DE TABLAS 2021



The Tablas Creek Vineyard Patelin de Tablas is a Paso Robles take on a classic Rhône blend: Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, and Counoise. The wine incorporates fruit from several of the top Rhône vineyards in Paso Robles, each vineyard selected for its quality. Like many red wines from the Rhône Valley, it is based on the dark fruit, mineral and spice of Syrah. To that Syrah, we incorporate the brightness and fresh acidity of Grenache, the structure and meatiness of Mourvèdre, and a small addition of Counoise for complexity.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Patelin de Tablas has a nose of blackberries and iron, with both red and black licorice notes pointing to the interplay between redder-fruited grapes like Grenache and Mourvedre and the blacker-fruited character of Syrah. On the palate, tangy black raspberry and black cherry fruit, with additional notes of baker's chocolate and a graphite-like minerality. Mouth-filling, long, and complex. Drink over the next decade.

### PRODUCTION NOTES

Grapes for the Patelin de Tablas are sourced from four regions in Paso Robles. Three are limestone-rich: the warmer, higher-elevation Adelaida District near Tablas Creek, the cool, coastal-influenced Templeton Gap to our south, and the moderate, hilly El Pomar to our south-east. These regions provide structured, mineral-laced fruit and excellent acidity. We also source fruit from the warmer heartland of the Paso Robles AVA: the Estrella and San Miguel Districts, whose mixed sandy loam soils produce juicy, vibrant Syrah.

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 for the Patelin de Tablas were fermented in a mix of upright oak fermenters and stainless steel tanks and aged in 1500-gallon oak upright tanks for another six months before bottling in August 2022.

### APPELLATION

Paso Robles

### BLEND

43% Syrah  
28% Grenache  
23% Mourvedre  
6% Counoise

12.5% Alcohol by Volume

3568 Cases produced

### FOOD PAIRINGS

- Grilled Meats
- Pasta with meat sauce
- Roast pork loin
- Beef stews
- Beef or pork stir fries

### VINEYARD SOURCES

20% Mourvedre and Grenache from Hollyhock Vineyard (Templeton Gap)  
19% Grenache from Whalerock (Templeton Gap)  
13% Syrah from Westside Ranch (Adelaida District)  
11% Syrah from Blind Faith (San Miguel District)  
10% Mourvedre from Nevarez (Estrella District)  
8% Grenache from Glenrose (Adelaida District)  
7% Syrah from Fralich (El Pomar)  
6% Counoise from Red Door Ranch (Templeton Gap)  
3% Syrah from Velo (Templeton Gap)  
2% Grenache from Tablas Creek Regenerative Organic Certified™ estate vineyard

