



Tablas Creek

The Esprit de Tablas is the flagship red blend of Tablas Creek, crafted from estate-grown Rhône varietals, reflecting the elegance and complexity of the Adelsida District in Paso Robles.



Esprit de Tablas 2019

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

Tablas Creek is located in the **Adelsida District of Paso Robles**, a region renowned for its limestone-rich soils and Mediterranean climate, ideal for Rhône varietals. The estate's **certified organic and biodynamic practices** emphasize sustainability, enhancing the expression of terroir in the wines.

The **2019 growing season** began with substantial winter rainfall, ensuring excellent soil moisture. A cooler-than-average early summer delayed flowering, allowing for gradual ripening and flavor development. Warm but not overly hot weather in July accelerated the ripening of late-ripening varieties, producing fruit with remarkable intensity and balance. The compressed harvest was conducted under ideal conditions, resulting in a vintage that displays concentration, freshness, and vibrant acidity.

Winemaking

The **2019 Esprit de Tablas** is an intricate blend of **39% Mourvèdre, 30% Grenache, 21% Syrah, and 10% Cunoise**. Each varietal contributes to the wine's character:

- **Mourvèdre** provides dark red fruit, earthy notes, and mid-palate richness.
- **Grenache** adds forward fruit, lushness, and approachability.
- **Syrah** enhances the wine with mineral notes, aromatic depth, and structural tannins.
- **Cunoise** delivers brambly spice and bright acidity.

The grapes were fermented with **native yeasts** in a combination of **wooden upright fermenters, open-top tanks, and stainless steel fermenters**. After pressing, the wines underwent **malolactic fermentation**, followed by a year-long ageing period in **foudres** for integration and refinement. The blend was assembled in **June 2020** and bottled in **July 2021**, resting further to achieve a seamless expression.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 39% Mourvèdre, 30%

Grenache, 21% Syrah, 10%

Cunoise



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby, reflecting its concentration and complexity.
- **Aroma:** Intense aromas of **spiced plum, sarsaparilla, loamy earth, and new leather.**
- **Palate:** A rich, mouth-coating texture with flavors of **black cherry, teriyaki marinade, baker's chocolate,** and a hint of **iron minerality.** The tannins are firm yet polished, leading to a long, savory finish with lingering notes of **plum skin and roasted meats.**

Did You Know?

Tablas Creek's vines originate from cuttings at **Château de Beaucastel**, one of the Rhône Valley's most celebrated estates, ensuring authentic Rhône character and exceptional quality in their wines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Navarin d'Agneau (Lamb Stew):** The wine's earthy richness complements the stew's robust flavors and tender lamb.
- **Magret de Canard (Duck Breast):** The dark fruit and spice in the wine enhance the dish's richness.
- **Boeuf Bourguignon:** The wine's structure and minerality balance the stew's hearty, savory components.
- **Beef Stir-Fry with Asian Spices:** The wine's vibrant acidity and dark fruit complement the bold, umami-rich flavors.

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 95 Points (2019)



Deep, vivid ruby. Smoke- and spice-accented cherry cola, dark berry and lavender aromas show fine clarity, and licorice and succulent herb notes emerge with aeration. Gently sweet and broad in the mouth, offering appealingly sweet blackberry, cherry preserve, mocha and floral pastille flavors that tighten up through the midpalate. Gently gripping tannins sneak in slowly on an impressively long finish that strongly repeats the spice and floral notes. (JR) (11/2021)

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2019)



A delightful nose of crushed rose petals, red cherries and rosemary. Full-bodied with fine, well-integrated tannins and dense fruit character. Layered and balanced with a steely, mineral-like backbone. Dried herbs and cocoa come through. Great length. Drink now or hold. (11/2021)

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 93 Points (2019)



*Proprietor Jason Haas is amplifying the freshness on his family's estate wines, as evidenced in this blend of 39% Mourvèdre, 30% Grenache, 21% Syrah and 10% Cunoise. Snappy and vibrant aromas of raspberry and fennel pollen lead into a bright palate of lavender, smashed red fruits and delicate chaparral herbs. *Editors' Choice* (MK) (3/2022)*



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