

2020 Vintage

The 2020 vintage began benignly, with a cool spring that delayed budbreak to a little after normal, and continued with below-average temperatures through July. Beginning in August, the weather turned hot, accelerating ripening and producing intense flavors. The state's terrible fires stayed well north of us, and the harvest finished early, under a compressed timeline but good conditions. The vintage shows concentrated flavors, vibrant fruit, and a distinctive savory, spicy character.

2020 Esprit de Tablas

Esprit de Tablas is Tablas Creek's signature red blend, always led by the dark red fruit, earth, spice and mid-palate richness of Mourvèdre (40%), along with additions of Grenache (30%), Syrah (21%), Counoise (5%), and making their first appearance in Esprit, two new grapes: Vaccarese (3%), and Cinsaut (1%). *Esprit* blends with relatively high percentages of both Mourvedre and Grenache are often found in our best vintages, with the other varieties moving to secondary roles providing darker color, spice, and chewy tannins. The result is a luscious, dark-red-fruited *Esprit* with plenty of structure. It should drink well when young, yet age for two decades or more.

2020 Panoplie

Panoplie is our elite Mourvèdre-based cuvée, made in the model of Château de Beaucastel's *Hommage à Jacques Perrin* and selected from the top 5% of lots that come into the cellar each vintage. In 2020, we chose three exceptional lots of Mourvèdre to represent 59% of the wine, and added two lots of Syrah (28%) and one of Grenache (13%). The resulting *Panoplie* shows Mourvèdre at its most luscious, with dark currant and plum fruit alongside a meaty, mocha density. Syrah's black fruit and chalky tannins give the wine grip, while Grenache adds juicy vibrancy and spicy lift. A blockbuster, it will be hard to resist young but should age effortlessly for 30 years or more.

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We are pleased to invite you to participate in our nineteenth annual barrel tasting and sale *en primeur* of Tablas Creek Vineyard's remarkable wines from the outstanding 2020 vintage: *Esprit de Tablas* and *Panoplie*. Offering wine *en primeur* is a time-honored French tradition most often associated with first-growth Bordeaux estates. In outstanding vintages, valued customers are offered the opportunity to secure a limited quantity of sought-after wines at a special price in advance of bottling and subsequent general release. The wines will be available for delivery or pickup in fall 2022.

HOW TO TASTE:

Visit the tasting room at the winery between November 16 and December 13, and we will pour you the new *Esprit* and *Panoplie*.

HOW TO LEARN:

Join Proprietor Jason Haas and Winemaker Neil Collins on our Facebook and YouTube feeds at 5pm PST on Friday, December 10th for a discussion of the 2020 vintage and wines.

HOW TO ORDER:

Telephone 805.237.1231x236
E-mail wineclub@tablascreek.com
Mail envelope enclosed
RSVP by Monday, December 13, 2021

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