

TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD

Antonio Galloni
presents

vinous
explore all things wine


5/2023

 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 ESPRIT BLANC</p>	<p>94 points</p>	<p>2021 ESPRIT DE TABLAS BLANC</p> <p>“A dramatic display of dusty florals, lemon oils, melon and crushed almond waft up from the 2021 Esprit de Tablas Blanc. This is texturally thrilling with depths of ripe apple and sweet inner florals, all perfectly accentuated by zesty acidity. It finishes long and full of tension with a pleasant inner sweetness, lingering on young peach and mineral notes. Bury the 2021 in the cellar. It’s a beauty. The Esprit de Tablas Blanc is a blend of 70% Roussanne, 17% Picpoul Blanc, 10% Grenache Blanc, 2% Bourboulenc and 1% Clairette Blanche.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 CÔTES DE TABLAS BLANC</p>	<p>93 points</p>	<p>2021 CÔTES DE TABLAS BLANC</p> <p>“Pretty lemon oil, wet stone and mint nuances form a youthfully understated bouquet as the 2021 Côtes de Tablas Blanc opens in the glass. There’s a richness within, balanced by brisk acidity and crisp orchard fruits. Replete floral tones echo throughout. This finishes with dramatic length, staining the palate with chalky minerals and spice as a bitter citrus twang slowly fades. While enjoyable today, the Côtes de Tablas Blanc has the balance to mature beautifully over time.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 PATELIN DE TABLAS BLANC</p>	<p>90 points</p>	<p>2021 PATELIN DE TABLAS BLANC</p> <p>“The sweetly scented 2021 Patelin de Tablas Blanc is very pretty, showing nuances of young peach and dusty florals. This flows across the palate in silken waves, delivering mineral-tinged orchard fruits and sweet spice. Its Grenache Blanc component lends zesty acidity to the mix, maintaining a wonderful energy, as the 2021 finishes with decent length. A chewy sensation calls the taster back to the glass.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 GRENACHE BLANC</p>	<p>92 points</p>	<p>2021 GRENACHE BLANC</p> <p>“The 2021 Grenache Blanc is beautiful with a cascade of yellow flowers, young peach and crushed stone. This is round and soothing on the palate with a pure blend of vivid apricot and mint. The 2021 has a tantalizing acidic core, beautifully balancing its supple textures and finishing with a lovely freshness and length. This is an excellent example of the heights that Grenache Blanc can reach in Paso Robles.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 MARSANNE</p>	<p>90 points</p>	<p>2021 MARSANNE</p> <p>“The 2021 Marsanne is enticing as a wet stone note evolves into a blend of green melon and mint. This is presently round and soothing. The core of brisk acidity complements ripe orchard fruits and minerals. It finishes remarkably fresh and with medium length. A raw almond hint remains.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 PICARDAN</p>	<p>90 points</p>	<p>2021 PICARDAN</p> <p>“The 2021 Picardan is wickedly fresh and lifted in the glass, blending dusty florals and dried apricot nuances. This is built on purity, nearly salty in its savoriness, with tart orchard fruits adding an almost-crunchy sensation. The 2021 lingers long with a green citrus concentration.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 PICPOUL BLANC</p>	<p>91 points</p>	<p>2021 PICPOUL BLANC</p> <p>“A burst of green citrus and sour melon gives way to sage as the 2021 Picpoul Blanc opens in the glass. This soothes with its ripe orchard fruits. Contrasting notes of sour lime and minerals add complexity. It leaves the palate stained in primary concentration, with the cheeks puckered under an air of tropical florals.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 ROUSSANNE</p>	<p>91 points</p>	<p>2021 ROUSSANNE</p> <p>“The 2021 Roussanne is exotic, lifting from the glass with a tropical blend of citrus and florals complemented by ginger spice. This is texturally thrilling, mixing pineapple, sour melon and mint. The 2021 cleans up beautifully through the finish, slightly tart yet fresh, leaving mineral nuances that add lovely traction.”</p>



	91 points	2021 VIOGNIER “The 2021 Viognier is delicate and understated, with honeyed florals, raw almonds and chamomile aromas forming its bouquet. This is texturally deep, with a measured sweetness and crisp orchard fruits that cascade throughout. The 2021 tapers off with unexpected energy and cheek-puckering tension as traces of lemon rind slowly fade.”
	91 points	2022 VERMENTINO “The 2022 Vermentino lifts with a burst of lime zest, crushed rocks and salty sea air. This is pleasantly sweet upon entry. A saline flourish nicely offsets round textures and ripe tropical melon notes toward the close. It finishes long, wickedly fresh with cheek-puckering tension and almost salty. There is such a wonderful balance of new-world fruit and old-world character here.”
	92 points	2012 ESPRIT DE TABLAS BLANC “Nutty and rich with almond, white flower and vanilla bean nuances, the 2012 Esprit de Tablas Blanc makes itself known. It’s round and pleasantly sweet, with pretty peach and nectarine mingling under an air of inner florals. This finishes sweetly floral, with a minor flourish contrasting butterscotch traces. While showing some notes of maturity, the 2012 is in no fear of decline.”
	93 points	2001 ESPRIT DE BEAUCASTEL BLANC “The 2001 Esprit de Beaucastel Blanc lifts from the glass with a burst of mineral stone and young peach. This is plush with sweet inner florals and mineral-tinged orchard fruits. It finishes amazingly agile for its age, still remarkably fresh and with a salty tinge. The 2001 is a testament to the age-ability of Rhône varieties from Paso Robles. It’s also the first vintage of Esprit de Beaucastel Blanc.”
	91 points	2022 PATELIN DE TABLAS ROSÉ “The 2022 Rosé Patelin de Tablas is pleasantly floral and sweet, with pretty white strawberry and mint aromas. Soothingly round and juicy, this impresses with its energy and floral-laced peach tones. It finishes with a twang of bitter tension while leaving the mouth watering for more. This blend of 67% Grenache, 21% Mourvèdre, 9% Counoise and 3% Vermentino is incredibly pretty.”
	92 points	2022 DIANTHUS ROSÉ “The 2022 Rosé Dianthus is spicy in character with a perfumed blend of white raspberry and peppery florals. It’s round and textural, with a pleasant inner sweetness complicated by mineral-tinged fruits and savory spices. This finishes tense, with noticeable length and a slight chewy sensation, yet remains incredibly fresh. The Dianthus is made up primarily of Mourvèdre and Grenache. It’s beautiful today but has the guts to mature nicely over the short term.”
	95-97 points	2021 ESPRIT DE TABLAS “A perfumed blend of dusty rose, raspberry, lavender and wet stone forms an inviting bouquet as the 2021 Esprit de Tablas comes to life in the glass. It washes across the palate with juicy waves of ripe red and blue fruit, leaving a mineral staining in their wake. A primary concentration combines with sweet tannins, creating perfect punctuation for the experience. The 2021 Esprit de Tablas is built for the cellar.”
	93 points	2021 COTES DE TABLAS “The 2021 Cotes de Tablas opens with a stunning, Grenache-driven blend of dusty florals and citrus-tinged strawberries. There’s a pleasant inner sweetness up front, along with tart wild berry fruits and zesty acidity. This tapers off with dramatic length and spicy, leaving the mouth watering. Licorice resonates over a coating of fine tannins. Cotes de Tablas is a blend of 47% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 15% Counoise and 8% Mourvèdre, all raised in neutral oak.”
	92 points	2021 PATELIN DE TABLAS “A wildly perfumed bouquet of earthy rose, white pepper and dried strawberries makes the 2021 Patelin de Tablas a total pleasure on the nose. Silky-smooth yet full of energy, this engulfs the palate in a pure blend of red fruits and spices, as sour citrus hints add contrast. It finishes pleasantly chewy, long and full of zesty tension. Residual acids keep the mouth watering for more. In 2021, the Patelin de Tablas has an elevated amount of Mourvèdre, at 33%, and a bit less Grenache, giving this a wonderfully spicy character.”

 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 COUNOISE <small>AVIGNON DISTRICT FALL 2021 100% COUNOISE</small> </div>	93 points	2021 COUNOISE “Amazingly fresh and spicy, the 2021 Counoise displays dusty rose, spiced citrus and violets aromas. It’s remarkably fresh and juicy in style, with crisp red fruits and florals cascading throughout. This finishes with a pleasant grip and lingering sour cherry and lavender notes. Enjoy the 2021 with a slight chill.”
 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 GRENACHE <small>AVIGNON DISTRICT FALL 2021 100% GRENACHE</small> </div>	92 points	2021 GRENACHE “The 2021 Grenache is perfumed and refined, with dusty rose giving way to wild strawberries and Violette Pastille. This is round and juicy on the palate with a mineral tinge that comes on early, cascading ripe red fruits over a core of zesty acidity. The 2021 leaves behind dusty tannins and exotic spices and finishes with admirable length. This was matured entirely in large- and small-format neutral oak for eighteen months.”
 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 MOURVÈDRE <small>AVIGNON DISTRICT FALL 2021 100% MOURVÈDRE</small> </div>	91-93 points	2021 MOURVÈDRE “A motivating blend of wild strawberries, peppery rose and lavender waft up from the 2021 Mourvèdre. It’s soft-textured and round in feel. Pure red fruits are accelerated by brisk acidity as inner florals arch across the palate. This finishes perfumed and incredibly long, and a staining of primary concentration adds a pleasant grip.”
 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 FULL CIRCLE <small>TEMPLETON GAP DISTRICT FALL 2021 100% PINOT NOIR</small> </div>	92 points	2021 PINOT NOIR FULL CIRCLE HAAS VINEYARD “Sweet dusty florals, wild strawberries, citrus and lavender aromas form a deeply complex bouquet as the 2021 Pinot Noir Full Circle Haas Vineyard opens in the glass. This is silky-smooth and mineral in style with lifted red fruits and pretty inner florals. It finishes with raspberry and rose notes. The Full Circle is all-estate fruit from the Templeton Gap District.”
 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 SYRAH <small>AVIGNON DISTRICT FALL 2021 100% SYRAH</small> </div>	90-92 points	2021 SYRAH “The 2021 Syrah is understated in the glass, showing glimpses of violet, lavender and crushed blackberries. This is silky-smooth with crisp black fruits and an early onset of tannic grip, as traces of licorice and spice resonate. The 2021 finishes structured and chewy yet maintains a redeemable freshness. The 2021 is shaping up to be a long-distance runner.”
 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 TERRET NOIR <small>AVIGNON DISTRICT FALL 2021 100% TERRET NOIR</small> </div>	90-92 points	2021 TERRET NOIR “Pretty raspberry, rose and white pepper introduces the 2021 Terret Noir. This has a pleasant inner sweetness and herbal tones that give way to crisp red fruits. It finishes juicy and with a coating of gentle tannins. Licorice hints slowly fade.”
 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 TANNAT <small>AVIGNON DISTRICT FALL 2021 100% TANNAT</small> </div>	91-93 points	2021 TANNAT “A blend of licorice and lavender gives way to citrus-tinged blackberries as the 2021 Tannat comes to life in the glass. It’s soft-textured yet sleek, with masses of red and blue fruits. It finishes with an unexpected tannic grip and lingering inner rose and raspberry notes. This is a remarkably pretty Tannat in the making.”
 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 EN GOBELET <small>AVIGNON DISTRICT FALL 2021 39% GRENACHE, 29% MOURVÈDRE, 16% SYRAH, 11% COUNOISE, 5% TANNAT</small> </div>	93-95 points	2021 EN GOBELET “Rose and violet-inflected dried black cherries introduce the 2021 En Gobelet. This is sweetly seductive within, with juicy acidity to balance and masses of rich red fruits that cascade over a core of saline minerals. It finishes perfumed while leaving the palate stained in primary concentration and fine-grained tannins. The future is very bright. En Gobelet is a blend of 39% Grenache, 29% Mourvèdre, 16% Syrah, 11% Counoise and 5% Tannat.”
 <div> TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD 2021 LE COMPLICE <small>AVIGNON DISTRICT FALL 2021 59% SYRAH, 32% GRENACHE, 8% TERRET NOIR, 1% MUSCARDIN</small> </div>	94-96 points	2021 LE COMPLICE “The 2021 Le Complice is understated in the glass, with pretty raspberry and savory herbs forming its rich bouquet. It’s silky and seamless on the palate with mounting tension, as tart wild berry fruits and mineral tones slowly drench the senses. This finishes dramatically long, spicy and with a slight herbal tinge and a tug of edgy tannins. Le Complice is a blend of 59% Syrah, 32% Grenache, 8% Terret Noir and 1% Muscardin.”

 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD. 2021 PANOPLIE</p>	<p>96-98</p> <p>points</p>	<p>2021 PANOPLIE</p> <p>“The 2021 Panoplie blossoms in the glass, with a beguiling blend of violets and lavender giving way to a complex mix of blackberries, earth tones and citrus. It’s deceptively soft and inviting with vibrant acidity and cooling mineral tones, yet quickly gains in tension as crystalline tannins slowly saturate the senses. The 2021 finishes dramatically long and primary, leaving the palate stained in liquid florals as a web of fine tannins grips the senses.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD. 2011 ESPRIT DE TABLAS</p>	<p>93</p> <p>points</p>	<p>2011 ESPRIT DE TABLAS</p> <p>“The 2011 Esprit de Tablas is rich and darkly alluring, with plum sauce and dark chocolate aromas offset by earth tones and iron hints. This is soft and soothing, plush even, with a mix of red and black fruits accelerated by zesty acidity. It finishes fresh and with admirable length. Sweet tannins have settled in a beautifully integrated way.”</p>
 <p>TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD. 2003 ESPRIT DE BEAUCASTEL</p>	<p>92</p> <p>points</p>	<p>2003 ESPRIT DE BEAUCASTEL</p> <p>“The 2003 Esprit de Beaucastel is charming and seductive, with a mature mix of red fruits and spices elevated by sweet florals. This is round and juicy on the palate with licorice-tinged black cherries and exotic spices. Earth tones linger, and a twang of zesty acidity adds a mouthwatering component throughout the long and mineral-tinged finale.”</p>