

# CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE



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**TABLAS  
CREEK**  
VINEYARD



🌸🌸 [91] **TABLAS CREEK Côtes de Tablas Paso Robles 2010**  
46% Grenache; 39% Syrah; 10% Mourvedre; 5% Counoise. In this effort, one finds the complex layering and structure belonging to wines of high accomplishment. Its strawberry fruit steers well wide of the frontal, candied side of the Grenache and picks up a wealth of spice, leather and toasted vanilla, and in so doing, has reminiscences of Chateauneuf du Papes in its makeup. Still, it is all California in its ongoing fruit content, and we would serve it with dishes like duck in currant sauce rather than heavier beef or lamb dishes. It is made all the more inviting by its price.

**GOOD VALUE**

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🌸 [88] **TABLAS CREEK Patelin de Tablas Blanc 2011**

**Paso Robles.** 45% Grenache Blanc; 34% Viognier; 18% Rouss.; 3% Marsanne. Following up on the heels of last year's success, Tablas Creek's latest Patelin Blanc is even better yet. Fresh and fragrant and filled with flowery, faintly honied fruit, it is at once both lively and polished with a fine sense of balance and a long, cleansing finish. Its lighter step comes at no cost in richness, and it delivers plenty of interest and depth at a very sensible price.

**GOOD VALUE**

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