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95 Tablas Creek, Esprit de Tablas, Adelaida District, Paso Robles, California, USA 2021

Tasted by: Brianne Cohen (at Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, CA, 21 Aug 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2041

The Esprit line features flagship blends from the best lots on Tablas Creek's regenerative organic-certified estate vineyard. An earthy nose with brighter highlights, floral violet aromas and fresh blackberry fruits. The palate shows equal parts fruit and spice: a well-balanced, very drinkable red Rhône blend that is the benchmark for this style in Paso.

94 Tablas Creek, Esprit Blanc de Tablas, Adelaida District, Paso Robles, California, USA 2021

Tasted by: Brianne Cohen (at Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, CA, 21 Aug 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2031

The Esprit line features flagship blends from the best lots on Tablas Creek's regenerative organic-certified estate vineyard: rich stone fruit, tropical fruit, and beeswax notes on the nose. The palate is rich, typical of a Roussanne-dominant white. Stone fruit and pineapple notes on the palate with a mineral character running through the heart. The ultimate food-friendly white with a masterful balance of freshness and depth.

92 Tablas Creek, Patelin de Tablas, Paso Robles, California, USA 2021

Tasted by: Brianne Cohen (at Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, CA, 21 Aug 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2031

Slang in French for 'neighbourhood', the Patelin wines are approachable and value-driven. This SGM-based blend has a dash of Counoise 'for complexity'. Charming red fruit nose of cherries and plums, black pepper and a hint of spice, then a cleansing and refreshing palate that's acid-driven, with blue fruit notes and delicate spice. What a light-handed Paso red can do.

93 Tablas Creek, Grenache Blanc, Paso Robles, Adelaida District, California, USA 2022

Tasted by: Clive Pursehouse (at Seattle, Washington, 31 Aug 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2032

The folks at Tablas Creek continue to show why they're tops when it comes to their commitment to the true character of the Rhône varieties in California. A wave of perfectly ripe pear backs bright almonds, lemon grass and bee pollen aromas. The palate is brilliant and ripe but eschews some of the overt phenolics you often find in varietal Grenache Blanc. Opting instead for fresh tree fruits, bruised apples and Bartlett pears show themselves along with tart lemon zest and a persistent stony character.

92 Tablas Creek, Patelin de Tablas, Paso Robles, California, USA 2022

Tasted by: Clive Pursehouse (at Seattle, Washington, 31 Aug 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2028

The 2022 Patelin de Tablas is loaded with freshness and savoury flavour. This blend of five Rhône varieties is primarily made up of Syrah and Grenache. The palate shows a real Grenache heavy aromatic of rose petals and fresh red fruits, and Syrah shows itself in a meaty, umami accent. The palate is bright, with ample fruits melding into spice and minerality. Dusty cherry flavours converge into notes of sumac and a stony mineral streak of crushed black stone that carries the elegant finish.

93 Tablas Creek, Mourvèdre, Paso Robles, Adelaida District, California, USA 2021

Tasted by: Clive Pursehouse (at Seattle, Washington, 31 Aug 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2028

Good luck finding a varietal Mourvèdre anywhere that shows this much freshness and florality. Bright violet and cranberry aromatics are tempered with notes of savoury sage and crushed basalt minerality. The palate shows streaks of mineral graphite with sweet candied cherries, bright wild blackberries and sage. There is ample freshness, a touch of turned earth to offer its mineral bonifides and a bright fruit note that carries into a lovely finish.

92 Tablas Creek, Patelin de Tablas Blanc, Paso Robles, California 2021

Tasted by: Brianne Cohen (at Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, CA, 21 Aug 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2026

Founded by renowned importer Robert Haas, this Tablas Creek, value-priced and unoaked Grenache Blanc-based southern Rhône blend is fresh and vibrant with a stone fruit nose. The palate delivers stone fruits plus a note of honeysuckle. Acidity grounds the wine, which dances the line between freshness and richness. Fruit sourced from growers in various Paso sub-districts.

95 Tablas Creek, Patelin de Tablas Rouge, Paso Robles, California, USA 2019

Tasted by: Amy Wislocki (at 67 Pall Mall, London, 18 Sep 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2026

California and value are two words not usually spoken in the same breath when it comes to wine. But with this elegant, fragrant blend of Grenache, Carignan and Mourvèdre from respected estate Tablas Creek, you're getting a lot of bang for your buck. Made with a light touch, it's acid-driven, gravelly and linear in style, with aromas and flavours of crushed red berries, plums and cherries, spiciness and an earthy minerality. Serve very slightly chilled.