

## SCORES

2017	Vermentino	White	90
2017	Grenache Blanc	White	90
2017	Viognier	White	89-91
2017	Roussanne	White	90-92
2017	Côtes de Tablas Blanc	White	90
2017	Esprit de Tablas Blanc	White	92-94
2016	Roussanne	White	90
2016	Esprit de Tablas Blanc	White	93
2017	Counoise	Red	90
2017	Mourvèdre	Red	91-94
2017	Syrah	Red	90-92+
2017	Côtes de Tablas	Red	89-91
2017	En Gobelet	Red	91-93
2017	Le Complice	Red	90-92+
2017	Esprit de Tablas	Red	93-95
2017	Panoplie	Red	94-96
2016	Côtes de Tablas	Red	90
2016	En Gobelet	Red	91
2016	Le Complice	Red	93
2016	Esprit de Tablas	Red	93
2016	Panoplie	Red	96
2015	Esprit de Tablas	Red	93
2015	Panoplie	Red	95

## REVIEWS

### 2017 Vermentino

**90 points**

“The 2017 Vermentino is outstanding stuff and would be just about perfect with a plate of oysters. Green citrus, mint, white flowers, and some salty mineral notes all emerge from this rich yet fresh, beautifully textured white that’s a terrific value.”

### 2017 Grenache Blanc

**90 points**

“The 2017 Grenache Blanc has some solid richness and heft as well as classy notes of green apples, citrus blossom, and crushed rocks. It’s elegant, beautifully balanced, and vibrant, with a terrific mix of both richness and freshness. It should keep for 5-7 years.”

### 2017 Viognier

**89-91 points**

“The 2017 Viognier gives up impressive pineapple, peach, and floral notes in a richer, rounded, textured, and lush style. Drink it on release and over the following 2-4 years.”

**2017 Roussanne****90-92 points**

“The 2017 Roussanne gives up some honeyed, pineapple, tangerine, and citrus aromas and flavors and is medium-bodied, elegant, and seamless on the palate. It should certainly be an outstanding wine and it will keep for over a decade.”

**2017 Côtes de Tablas Blanc****90 points**

“The 2017 Côtes de Tablas Blanc offers slightly more richness and depth, with outstanding notes of white peach, spiced melon, and crushed citrus, with some exotic floral and spice notes emerging with time in the glass. Medium-bodied, nicely textured, and beautifully pure, it’s a no-brainer white to enjoy over the coming 4-6 years.”

**2017 Esprit de Tablas Blanc****92-94 points**

“The 2017 Esprit de Tablas Blanc is a Roussanne-dominated blend, and 2017 is the first time they’ve included Picardan and Clairette in this blend. Its medium gold color is followed by a full-bodied, layered, beautifully textured white that has a big nose of flower oil, white peach, candied lemon, and spice. It’s a beautiful, age-worthy white from this team that will benefit from short-term cellaring and keep for 10-15 years.”

**2016 Roussanne****90 points**

“The 2016 Roussanne is a medium-bodied, outstanding effort that has plenty of spiced orchard fruits, marmalade, and a kiss of pineapple-like aromas and flavors. It’s elegant, with bright acidity and tons of character.”

**2016 Esprit de Tablas Blanc****93 points**

“The 2016 Esprit de Tablas Blanc (75% Roussanne, 18% Grenache Blanc, and the rest Picpoul Blanc aged in foudre) offers a medium to full-bodied, concentrated, and textured style to go with youthful notes of ripe apple, buttered citrus, and some spicy, mineral nuances. It’s still a baby yet certainly offers pleasure.”

**2017 Counoise****90 points**

“The 2017 Counoise is a beautiful wine that readers should buy, if just to see what 100% Counoise tastes like. Ripe strawberries, cherries, hints of licorice, and herbs all emerge from this medium-bodied, silky, fresh, vibrant wine that has good acidity as well as a charming, fruit forward style. Drink it over the coming 2-4 years.”

**2017 Mourvedre****91-94 points**

“I loved the 2017 Mourvèdre, and Jason commented that the 2017s share some similarities to the 2005s. This medium to full-bodied, balanced red offers terrific notes of blueberries, violets, flowers, and pepper, with plenty of mineral and classic Mourvèdre savoriness.”

**2017 Côtes de Tablas****89-91 points**

“The 2017 Côtes de Tablas checks in as 53% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 12% Counoise, and the rest Mourvèdre. It should be an outstanding wine with its Provençal notes of spiced cherries and garrigue, medium body, ripe tannins, and pure, charming, silky profile.”

**2017 En Gobelet****91-93 points**

“The 2017 En Gobelet is a final blend of 39% Mourvèdre, 34% Grenache, 11% each of Syrah and Tannat, and the balance Counoise. It’s another promising blend from this terrific estate and offers perfumed black and blue fruits, leafy herbs, pepper, and hints of flowers. It’s a deep, rich, medium to full-bodied effort that has sweet tannins and terrific purity of fruit.”

**2017 Le Complice****90-92+ points**

“The Syrah-dominated 2017 Le Complice (67% Syrah, 20% Grenache, and the rest Terret) saw lots of whole clusters in the ferments and was brought up in neutral oak. It’s a medium-bodied, supple, juicy red that has plenty of peppery, herbal notes as well as dark fruits, hints of citrus, and plenty of spice.”

**2017 Syrah****90-92+ points**

“The 2017 Syrah saw a small amount of whole clusters and is a meaty, butcher shop-scented Syrah that has classic pepper and dark fruits, medium to full body, and ripe, present tannins. It’s beautifully balanced and has a layered, seamless texture. My money is on it being an outstanding bottle of wine that will keep for a decade.”



**2017 Esprit de Tablas****93-95 points**

“The flagship 2017 Esprit de Tablas is 40% Mourvèdre, 35% Grenache, 20% Syrah and the rest Counoise (which is the same blend as the 2014) and was brought up all in foudre. This is a beautiful vintage for this wine, offering a medium ruby color as well as loads of blackberry fruits, complex violets, spice, blood orange, and floral notes, medium to full body, a layered, seamless texture, and a great finish. It should be approachable right out of the gate.”

**2017 Panoplie****94-96 points**

“The 2017 Panoplie is much more Mourvèdre-dominated and is styled after the Hommage à Jacques Perrin cuvée from Château Beaucastel in the Southern Rhône. Thrilling notes of blueberries, violets, smoked meats, and earth all flow to a powerful, full-bodied red that fills the mouth with fruit and has building depth and density as well as ripe tannins. I don’t think it has the sheer power of some of the best examples of this cuvée, but it’s a brilliant blend from this estate that will have two decades or more of longevity.”

**2016 Côtes de Tablas****90 points**

“The 2016 Côtes de Tablas is more Grenache-dominated and includes 25% Syrah, 13% Mourvèdre, and the rest Counoise, all brought up in neutral foudre. It offers outstanding notes of kirsch and darker fruits, herbes de Provence, and spice in a medium-bodied, silky, elegant, finesse-oriented package that’s well worth drinking.”

**2016 En Gobelet****91 points**

“The slightly darker colored 2016 En Gobelet comes all from old, head trained vines and is a complex blend of 39% Mourvèdre, 30% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and the rest Counoise and Tannat. It was brought up all in foudre and offers terrific notes of ground herbs, cured meats, spice, and smoked darker fruits. It has good density, medium to full body, and terrific purity. Drink it over the coming 8-10 years.”

**2016 Le Complice****93 points**

“One of my favorites in the lineup was the 2016 Le Complice, which is a Syrah-dominated blend that includes 20% Grenache, 19% Terret Noir, and 2% Roussanne. The idea here is to highlight Terret Noir and this sees plenty of whole clusters in the ferments. This smoking effort boast a deeper purple/ruby color as well as seriously peppery notes of black fruits, leafy herbs, and olive tapenade. It’s fresh and elegant on the palate, with a pure, nicely concentrated mouthfeel, and it’s going to age beautifully.”

**2016 Esprit de Tablas****93 points**

“The 2016 Esprit de Tablas is an age-worthy blend of 46% Mourvèdre, 31% Syrah, 18% Grenache, and the rest Counoise that was brought up all in foudre. It offers perfumed notes of raspberries, cherries, leafy herbs, and hints of violets. With medium to full body, a seamless texture, and beautiful purity of fruit, it has a forward, fresh, accessible style yet will benefit from 2-3 years of bottle age and cruise for a decade after that.”

**2016 Panoplie****96 points**

“The 2016 Panoplie checks in as 66% Mourvèdre, 25% Syrah, and the rest Grenache and, as always, was brought up in foudre. This smoky, meaty, powerful red boasts a deep ruby/purple color as well as fabulous notes of red and black fruits, ground pepper, damp earth, and truffles. It has beautiful purity of fruit (which is a hallmark of the vintage), plenty of tannins, a stacked mid-palate, and a great finish. Hide bottles for 3-4 years and drink it over the following 15-20 years.”

**2015 Esprit de Tablas****93 points**

“The 2015 Esprit de Tablas checks in as a blend of 49% Mourvèdre, 25% Grenache, 21% Syrah, and the rest Counoise that spent 22 months in larger, neutral oak foudres. This layered, ripe, even sexy red offers impressive notes of kirsch and blackberry fruits, notes of lavender, spice, and flowers, full body, and a textured, lengthy, pure finish. It will keep for 15+ years, although it will be approachable with just short-term cellaring.”

**2015 Panoplie****95 points**

“2015 Panoplie (71% Mourvèdre, 24% Grenache, and 5% Syrah) offers loads of dark fruits and smoky, meaty, classic Mourvèdre notes in a tight, medium to full-bodied package. It has remarkable purity of fruit and its tannin quality is off the charts. It’s going to benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and drink well for two decades.”

