



X NOVO 2023 Pinot Noir,
X Omni Vineyard, Eola-
Amity Hills, Willamette
Valley, Oregon (\$100)

Equal parts dynamic, juicy, concentrated, and luxurious, this is one of the most exciting full-bodied Pinot Noirs I've tasted. Rich, mocha-kissed notes of crushed cherries meld with cinnamon tea and peony. **97**



Chateau Margene 2023
Cabernet Sauvignon,
Stella's Vineyard, Creston
District, Paso Robles
(\$100)

Blended with some Merlot and Malbec, this compact and dense red offers polished tannins and a generous bath of boysenberry, red currant, sage, and dusty chocolate. Elegant and bold, it's got backbone and a meaty mouthfeel. **97**



Merry Edwards 2023 Pinot
Noir, Meredith Estate,
Russian River Valley,
Sonoma County (\$100)

Focused and tense, with floral refinement and racy acidity. Plum and cherry notes are accented by white pepper and sandalwood. Umami settles on the finish with pleasing salinity. **96**

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Dylan's Ghost 2023 Hell
Hollow Proprietary Red,
Napa Valley (\$105)

Despite its name, this is a heavenly red, powered by new leather, baking spices, sweet soil, and firm tannins. It's chewy and meaty, with expressive notes of brambly blackberry and dark chocolate. **95**

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What's New at Tablas Creek Vineyard

TABLAS CREEK—a Paso Robles pioneer of Rhône varieties and the world's first Regenerative Organic Certified winery—has made some personnel changes in the cellar, with Chelsea Franchi appointed director of winemaking and Craig Hamm promoted to winemaker. Both are longtime members of the Tablas Creek team, ensuring continuity and deep institutional knowledge as the estate enters its next chapter.

With the exception of the two Patelin de Tablas wines, which are sourced from neighboring Rhône-focused vineyards, the expressions below hail from the estate's Regenerative Organic Certified vineyards.



Tablas Creek 2025 Vermentino,
Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$35)

Between the juicy sumptuousness of peach nectar and the dry mouthfeel of flint, a spectacular combination of texture and flavor is exhibited in this 13% ABV white. Lemon verbena adds zing on the midpalate, but the liquid's acidity level and electric energy are what steer the ship to a focused finish. **95**



Tablas Creek 2025 Patelin de Tablas
Rosé, Paso Robles (\$28)

Spiced apricot and a pinch of salted celery form the profile of this blend of 71% Grenache, 21% Mourvèdre, 5% Vermentino, and 3% Cunoise. Intense acidity and a flinty middle appear against a backdrop of opulent peach and rich peanut brittle. **94**



Tablas Creek 2024 Patelin de Tablas,
Paso Robles (\$28)

A pinch of salt creates a stirring entry as it attaches to rhubarb, sweet tobacco, and red tea in this superb blend of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, and Cunoise built for food pairing. Hibiscus, dark cherry, and mocha linger on the midpalate as balanced acidity and inherent minerality shine on the finish. **93**



Tablas Creek 2025
Dianthus, Adelaida District,
Paso Robles (\$40)

This rosé is a blend of four estate-grown varieties: 42% Mourvèdre, 40% Grenache, 13% Cunoise, and 5% Cinsaut, which were propagated from budwood cuttings from the Château de Beaucastel estate in the Rhône



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Tablas Creek Vineyard winemaker
Craig Hamm with director of
production Neil Collins and director of
winemaking Chelsea Franchi.

Valley with a nod to Tavel and Bandol. Dark salmon in color, it's named for dianthus flowers, known for their deep pink hue. Stunning chalky minerality weaves through fresh raspberry, watermelon, and hibiscus in this sunlit gem, conveying the vineyards' limestone soils and cooling coastal influence before pressed rose petal leads to an elegant arc of orchard fruit on the finish. **96**



Tablas Creek 2024 Côtes
de Tablas, Adelaida
District, Paso Robles (\$40)

This blend of four Rhône varieties—47% Grenache, 28% Syrah, 13% Cunoise, and 12% Mourvèdre—features spiced notes of cured meats and vibrant Morello cherry, mocha, and salted plum that revel on a platform of chalky minerality. Tilled soil and raspberry are streamlined on the vibrant finish. **94**



Tablas Creek 2024 Esprit
de Tablas Blanc, Adelaida
District, Paso Robles (\$75)

With a luscious mouthfeel, this blend of 40% Roussanne, 26% Grenache Blanc, 17% Picpoul Blanc, 11% Bourboulenc, and some Picardan and Clairette Blanche is alive with gardenia, jasmine, green tea, and toffee. Its richness is lifted and gentled by tangerine sorbet and sweet basil. Minerality knits it all together. **97**

