



**Domaine Della 2023 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley (\$72)** Amplified notes of spiced cherry, clove, and rosemary are brightened by keen acidity, and hibiscus and peony are sweetened by vanilla and red licorice. Earthy cranberry fills the mouth on the juicy, expansive finish. **94**



**Merry Edwards 2023 Pinot Noir, Georganne Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$72)** Dark, bold fruit makes a statement with lavender and jasmine—and if they don't grab your attention at first, smashed boysenberry, rhubarb, and spiced cedar certainly will. Generously coating the mouth with crushed, concentrated berries, notes of beef broth intensify before vanilla leads the way on the finish. **95**

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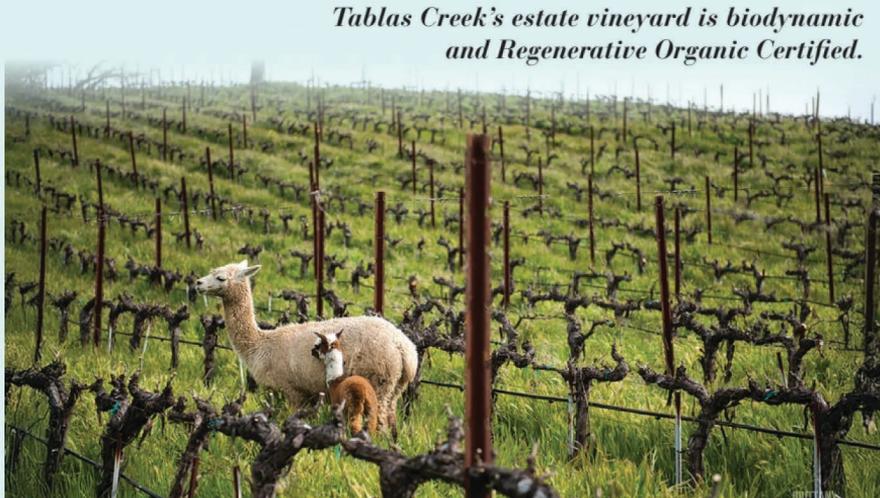
**Domaine Della 2023 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (\$75)** The earthy quality of a wine cave comes to mind when sipping this juicy red aged 15 months in (55% new) French oak. Wild strawberry, leather, and molasses are seasoned with cinnamon and white pepper, and hints of iron and cured meats impart a savory persona with a side of minerality. **94**



**Merry Edwards 2023 Pinot Noir, Dach Vineyard, Anderson Valley, Mendocino County (\$77)** The northeast-southwest-facing aspect and marine influence of the Dach (pronounced "dash") Vineyard have an impact on this intense beauty. Graphite and iron are unmasked as they weave through notes of violets, lavender, and dried leaves. High acidity and mild tannins reveal prominent flavors of plum, while coastal salinity and soil play a role on the finish. **96**

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*Tablas Creek's estate vineyard is biodynamic and Regenerative Organic Certified.*

## On the Table With Tablas Creek

ASSESSING NEW VINTAGES FROM A MAGNIFICENT PRODUCER OF PASO ROBLES RHÔNE VARIETIES



**Tablas Creek Vineyard 2024 Patelin de Tablas Blanc, Paso Robles (\$30)** This blend of 40% Grenache Blanc, 29% Viognier, and 10% Vermentino with some Roussanne, Marsanne, and Picpoul Blanc is crisp and floral yet creamy, with notes of bread dough, hazelnut, melon, tangerine peel, and honeysuckle. Thyme and sage with a hint of white pepper weave through peach pie. **94**



**Tablas Creek Vineyard 2024 Côtes de Tablas Blanc, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$40)** A complex, clean, and creamy blend of estate-grown Viognier, Marsanne, Grenache Blanc, Picardan, and Clairette Blanche. Clove-spiced peach tart converges with pecan, tapioca pudding, anise, and lemon verbena over chalky minerality. **93**



**Tablas Creek Vineyard 2024 Alouette Grenache, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$35)** In its second vintage, this light crimson-hued Grenache almost looks like a rosé. Mineral tones preside over flavors of watermelon and cranberry as pink peppercorn and sweet basil are framed by a bolt of acidity. **93**



**Tablas Creek Vineyard 2023 Mourvèdre, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$55)** Balanced and meaty, expressive and brooding, with herbal tones weaving through roasted coffee, garrigue, and dark red fruit. Following cedar and black plum on the midpalate, notes of slate, leather, and dark chocolate develop on the long finish. **94**



**Tablas Creek Vineyard 2023 Syrah, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$55)** Reminiscent of a Northern Rhône style, this beefy, savory, and indulgent red exhibits muscular tannins and notes of espresso, sage, and black plum but remains poised and focused throughout. It's chalky, with a whisper of cured meats and anise. **95**



**Tablas Creek Vineyard 2023 Esprit de Tablas, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$75)** Chocolate-covered cherry steeped in red tea makes the first impression for this stunning flagship blend of Mourvèdre, Syrah, and Grenache with some Cinsault, Vaccarèse, and Cunoise, propagated from budwood cuttings from the Château de Beaucastel estate in the Rhône Valley. A line of salty chalkiness runs through beef broth, obliging the juicy liquid to perform gracefully. Fennel, sage, bay leaf, and basil meld with California garrigue, paving the way for a finish of spiced plum. **96**

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