

Ablas Creek Vineyard 2005 Rosé (Paso Robles); \$27. The first of the highly anticipated '05s are starting to appear, and to judge from this wine, west side Paso Rhônes will be winners. The wine benefited from a cool vintage, allowing the Mourvèdre, Grenache and Counoise long hang time, yet avoiding overly ripe fruit. Dark, fully dry, racy in acidity and full-bodied for a rosé, this complex blush has an almost Pinot Noir-like weight.

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