

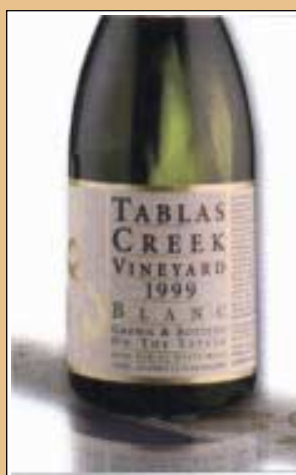
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Wine of the Week

1999 Tablas Creek Vineyard Blanc,
Central Coast

“Close your eyes and you might mistake the new Tablas Creek Vineyard Blanc for a white Châteauneuf-du-Pape. It has the same peachy scent--in this case overlain with violets. In the mouth, though, it has more grip than most Châteauneuf-du-Pape blancs. No lightweight, this, but a complex and fascinating white wine.



Produced by the Perrin brothers of the famed Châteauneuf estate Château de Beaucastel, together with their longtime importer Robert Haas--with whom they bought this property west of Paso Robles in 1990--it's a blend of Marsanne, Viognier and Roussanne with a small proportion of Grenache Blanc and Rolle. The grape varieties were brought from their French vineyards and propagated in the estate's own greenhouses.

With its full-bodied taste and silken texture, this is one white wine that can stand up to that Thanksgiving turkey with all the fixings.”

--S. IRENE VIRBILA

