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Dear Tablas Creek Supporters,

Summer greetings from all of us at Tablas Creek! We're enjoying a very pleasant summer season with a lot going on in the vineyard, cellar, tasting room and around the country. In this email we offer features, news and updates to keep you in the loop and informed about events coming up in the next few months. We hope to see you out at the vineyard or at one of our upcoming events, and as always, if there is anything we can do for you from here, just ask.



State of the Vineyard: Summer 2015

This has been an unusual summer. A very warm spring was followed by the coolest May in 20 years. Then June was hot. July, so far, has been cool, and we've even had (very unusual for summer in Paso Robles) a couple of [showery days](#). This same week last year, we were seeing [veraison in Syrah and Mourvedre](#). This year? Not so much. Yet through it all, the vineyard looks remarkably healthy, and while we expect yields down a bit, it doesn't look too serious. [Read More »](#)

Announcing the Fall 2015 VINsider Shipments

referring to tasting several wines from a single estate made in a single year, as opposed to vertical, which would imply a tasting of the same wine across several vintages) you can join us as we look back at 2007 with the perspective of ten years' time. The cost is \$45 for wine club members and \$60 for guests and non-members. This event is sure to fill up early. To reserve, email events@tablascreek.com or call 805.237.1231 x36.

Tablas Creek News

We can now ship to AZ!

We are excited that we have received our shipping permit for the great state of Arizona. Arizonans can now [order wine](#) or join [our wine club](#). [More shipping news »](#)

Vinous: 28 Wines 90+ Points

In [Antonio Galloni's Vinous](#) (Sept. 2016) 28 Tablas wines topped 90 points, including [2014 Esprit Blanc](#) (93), [2013 Panoplie](#) (95), [2014 Patelin de Tablas](#) (91) and [2014 En Gobelet](#) (93). [Read the review »](#) [More press »](#)

Tablas Creek wins 2016 California Green Medal for Sustainability

The [CA Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance](#) awarded Tablas Creek one of four [2016 Green Medals](#) for leadership in sustainability. [Our](#)



The [Fall 2015 VINsider Club Shipments](#) are highlighted by the newest releases of our flagship wines, from the dense, powerful 2013 vintage. Classic and red-only members will get the **2013 *Esprit de Tablas*** (92-94 points Galloni, 92-94 Wine Advocate), while classic and white-only members will get the **2013 *Esprit de Tablas Blanc*** (90-93 Wine Advocate). Classic and red-only members will also receive the [2011 *Esprit de Tablas*](#) (93 Wine Advocate, 93-95 Rhone Report, 93 Galloni) out of our library, and all members will get a selection of small-lot treats.



If you are not yet a member, or you would like to give a gift membership, this is a great time. [Learn more](#) » [Become a VINsider](#) »

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January Feature: 2014 Roussanne

Each month we offer one item at a 10% discount. January's feature is our 2014 Roussanne, rich, bright, and honeyed!

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On the Tablas Blog

Creating an Experience Worthy of Being Called the "Collector's Tasting"

January 02, 2016

By Lauren Phelps

It is a very rare treat to pour an aged, library wine for guests in our tasting room. Wines



that have been carefully cellar aged have a rich and complex quality that many California wine drinkers have yet to discover. After a few years of bottle aging our *Esprit de Tablas* wines are impossibly complex, with layers of complementary flavors ranging from dark cherry and plum to leather and spice. [Read More](#) »



Featured Wine for July: 2014 Dianthus

Each month, we feature a wine that we feel is showing particularly well at a 10% discount. July's featured wine is the [2014 Dianthus](#): our estate dry rosé based on the rich Mourvedre grape. The wine has already received 90-point ratings (about the glass ceiling for rosés) from Wine Spectator and Wine Advocate. Until the end of July, this wine (normally \$27) is \$24.30, and just \$18.90 to members of our VINsider Wine Club. [Read More](#) » [Order Online](#) »

Featured Blog Post: On the Road: a Rhone Pilgrimage

By Darren Delmore

I had the distinct pleasure of tagging along last week on a trade visit to the Perrin family's holdings in the Rhone Valley. Our odyssey began with our thirsty quintet of wine professionals packed into an undersized rental car like foie gras terrine as we traversed from Dijon to Valence. I sat shotgun with GPS in hand and snails in my belly as we watched the landscape change from the sunflowers and Charolais beef pastures of Burgundy to the lavender fields and olive groves of the Rhone. [Continue Reading](#) »



Recent Reviews: Dianthus and Patelin de Tablas Rosé



Tis the season for rosé reviews! [Jeb Dunnuck of the Wine Advocate](#) gave both our rosés [90 points](#), calling the 2014 *Patelin de Tablas Rosé* "a fabulous effort" and the 2014 *Dianthus* "one of the top rosés coming out of California". The *Dianthus* also received [90 points](#) from the [Wine Spectator](#) and [91](#) from [Josh Raynolds of Vinous Media](#), from whom the *Patelin Rosé* received [90 points](#).

[More about the 2014 Patelin de Tablas Rosé »](#)

[More about the 2014 Dianthus »](#)

[More recent press »](#)

Focus: Dry Farming in California's Drought

You are aware, we are sure, of California's drought. We have been encouraged by the success, despite the drought, of our increased dry-farming efforts over recent years, and believe it provides rewards in both quality and sustainability. On our blog we recently published the 3-part series "[Dry Farming in California's Drought](#)" in which we explore how our climate differs from the Mediterranean model, what lessons we took from these differences, and how grapevines came to be so widely irrigated here.

You may also be interested in a [CBS News segment](#) that aired around the country in June, exploring our dry farming techniques. [More on dry-farming at Tablas Creek »](#)



Tablas on Tour: Upcoming Events

We keep an updated list of all our upcoming events (in such diverse locations as San Diego, Vermont, Los Angeles, Danville, Arizona, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Florida and of course Paso Robles) on our Web site: tablascreek.com/events. And we hope these two local highlights will encourage you to come and visit us:

Sunset SAVOR the Central Coast (September 24th - 27th)

We join many local artisans for a two day extravaganza on September 26 and 27 at the historic Santa Margarita Ranch for [Sunset SAVOR The Central Coast](#) to showcase the best of what the Central Coast has to offer. [Tickets](#) start at \$85 per person.


Harvest Wine Weekend (October 16th - 18th)


Celebrate [Paso Robles Harvest Wine Weekend](#) with Tablas Creek. Join us in the tasting room **all weekend** for a first look at our flagship wines from the dense, powerful 2013 vintage: 2013 *Esprit de Tablas* and 2013 *Esprit de Tablas Blanc*. We will also of course have open a range of small-production treats. If you're interested in an in-depth exploration of the property, tours will run daily at 10:30am and 2:00pm and no reservations are necessary.


We will kick off the festival **Friday night** at [McPhee's Grill](#) in Templeton with a four-course, four-wine dinner. Chef Ian McPhee has been an institution in the county for nearly three decades, and the food he's turning out is superb. Seats at the dinner are \$105/per person (inclusive of tax and gratuity) and reservations on this busy weekend are essential. For reservations, call us at 805.237.1231 x30 or email events@tablascreek.com.

On **Saturday**, join us in the cellar at Tablas Creek for a series of interactive demonstrations. Taste the newly harvested grapes and try your hand at helping begin their transformation into wine. Demonstrations will be ongoing from 10am - 3pm and are free to all guests.

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