



## MOURVÈDRE 2020



The 2020 Tablas Creek Vineyard Mourvèdre is Tablas Creek's seventeenth varietal bottling of Mourvèdre. We use most of our Mourvèdre in our Esprit de Tablas each year. However, we feel that the Mourvèdre grape, often pigeonholed as a blending varietal, can produce remarkable varietal wines, and when we can, we try to reserve a limited quantity of particularly characteristic lots of Mourvèdre for a single-varietal bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Mourvedre shows a lovely nose of loamy red fruit, spiced plum, and new leather. The mouth shows rich texture with dark cherry and mocha flavors, held together by chewy tannins reminiscent of plum skin, and deepened by an earthy complexity that time should turn into a truffle, meat-dripping character. The long finish has notes of cocoa powder, red currant, and lingering loamy minerality. Delicious now and only likely to become more so over time. Drink over the next 15 years.

### PRODUCTION NOTES

Our Mourvèdre grapes were grown on our 120-acre certified organic and biodynamic estate vineyard.

The 2020 vintage began benignly, with a cool spring that delayed budbreak to a little after normal, and continued below-average temperatures through July. Beginning in August, the weather turned hot, accelerating ripening and producing intense flavors. The state's terrible fires stayed well north of us, and the harvest finished early, under a compressed timeline but good conditions. The vintage shows concentrated flavors, noteworthy lushness, and lovely spice.

The Mourvèdre grapes were destemmed and then fermented using native yeasts in fermented in large wooden tanks. After three weeks, they were pressed and moved to 1200-gallon foudres to complete their fermentation. The Mourvèdre lots were blended in Spring of 2021, aged for an additional year in foudre and bottled in June 2022.

### APPELLATION

Adelaida District  
Paso Robles

### BLEND

100% Mourvèdre

13.0% Alcohol by Volume

140 Cases Produced

### FOOD PAIRINGS

- Richly flavored stews
- Pork chops with fruit reduction
- Asian preparation of red meats (beef stir fry)
- Bittersweet chocolate desserts

