

## VERMENTINO 2021



The 2021 Tablas Creek Vineyard Vermentino is Tablas Creek's twentieth bottling of this traditional Mediterranean varietal, known principally in Sardinia, Corsica, and Northern Italy. It is also grown in the Rhone Valley (particularly Côtes de Provence) where it is known as Rolle. The Vermentino grape produces wines that are bright, clean, and crisp, with distinctive citrus character, refreshing acidity and surprising richness.

### TASTING NOTES

A classic Vermentino nose of all parts of a lime, from leaf to pith to juice, deepened by an herby lemongrass note and briny sea shell-like minerality. The palate is electric and juicy, with key lime and yellow grapefruit notes, sweet white flowers and briny sea spray, and a long, vibrant finish. Tastes like summer at the beach, or like what a gin and tonic wishes it could be. Drink now and over the next few years.

### PRODUCTION NOTES

When we imported our Châteauneuf du Pape clones, our contact in the French nursery service included Vermentino because he believed it would thrive in the rocky limestone soils of Paso Robles. We have planted two small blocks of Vermentino, and it has indeed thrived here.

Our Vermentino grapes were grown on our Regenerative Organic Certified™ and biodynamic estate vineyard.

The 2021 vintage came after a chilly, relatively dry winter, the exception being a single storm that dropped more than a foot of rain on us in late January. The cold, dry winter produced a fruit set with smaller clusters and smaller berries, and yields were down about 25% compared to our average. The growing season was ideal, with each hot stretch followed by a cool period that allowed the vines to recover, and that combined with the low yields to produce some of our most intense fruit ever and our highest average acids since the chilly 2011 vintage. We believe that 2021 has all the hallmarks of a blockbuster year.

The Vermentino grapes were whole cluster pressed, and fermented using native yeasts in stainless steel and concrete to emphasize the minerality of the grapes. The wine was bottled in January 2022.

### APPELLATION

Adelsaida District Paso Robles

### BLEND

100% Vermentino

13.0% Alcohol by Volume

570 Cases produced

### FOOD PAIRINGS

- Nearly any fresh seafood
- Oysters on the half shell
- Aioli or Pestos
- Linguine with clam sauce
- Stir fried green vegetables

