



## ROUSSANNE

### 2023



The 2023 Tablas Creek Vineyard Roussanne is Tablas Creek's twenty-second varietal bottling of our most important white grape. The Roussanne we got in 2023 was powerfully characteristic of the Roussanne grape, and we highlighted its balance of richness and freshness by selecting lots roughly 60% from 132-gallon puncheons and 40% from 60-gallon barriques, about 50% new.

#### TASTING NOTES

A classic chartreuse color: golden with just a hint of green. The appealingly spicy nose shows notes of honeysuckle, citrus blossom, cinnamon, and sweet oak. On the palate, rich but still very fresh, with flavors of poached pear, fresh honey, mace, lanolin, and white peach. The finish shows lovely lift, with a little minty note giving way to lingering impressions of fresh coconut and white flowers. Drink in the next 3 or 4 years for a pure expression of Roussanne's honey and pear flavors, or hold it for 8-15 years for a flavor profile of caramel, wet rocks, and hazelnut.

#### PRODUCTION NOTES

We use most of our Roussanne in our Esprit de Tablas Blanc each year. However, we often have some Roussanne lots in the cellar that are so powerfully characteristic of the varietal that we feel it would be a shame to lose them in a blend. In these cases, we reserve a small quantity of this Roussanne for a single-varietal bottling.

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

The 2023 vintage began with our wettest-ever winter, replenishing ground water and delaying budbreak. It continued with our coolest growing season in more than a decade, which combined with the late start to produce a harvest roughly a month later than most recent years, beginning in mid-September and not concluding until mid-November. Warm, sunny weather starting in October allowed the later-ripening varieties to reach full maturity. The exceptionally long hangtime and gradual ripening combined to produce fruit with deep colors, remarkable intensity, and noteworthy vibrancy. We believe 2023 has all the hallmarks of a blockbuster year.

#### APPELLATION

Adelaida District  
Paso Robles

#### BLEND

100% Roussanne

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

13.0% Alcohol by Volume  
259 Cases Produced

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Rich shellfish (lobster and crab)  
Sea Bass  
Mildly spicy foods (curries, gumbo)  
Stir-fries in garlic and olive oil  
Salmon

