



SYRAH 2023



The 2023 Tablas Creek Vineyard Syrah is Tablas Creek's sixteenth varietal bottling of the northern Rhone's noble red grape. Although most of our Syrah is used in our blends, in vintages where the Syrah grape's varietal character is clearly expressed, we reserve a small amount for a varietal bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A nose of warm dark leather, baker's chocolate, and dark roast coffee. The mouth is plush with flavors of dark chocolate, blackberry, prosciutto, and black licorice, with rich, powerful tannins, minty spice, and an iron-like mineral note coming out on the finish.

PRODUCTION NOTES

We use most of our Syrah as a part of our Esprit de Tablas and Côtes de Tablas blends each year. However, we believe that Paso Robles is one of the world's great environments for Syrah, and in favorable vintages we try to reserve some particularly classic barrels of Syrah for a single-varietal bottling.

The 2023 vintage began with our wettest-ever winter, replenishing groundwater 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.

The grapes for our Syrah were grown on our Regenerative Organic Certified™ and biodynamic estate vineyard.

For our varietal bottling we selected a mix of lots from newer and older oak, then blended them in June 2024 and aged the wine together in one 1200-gallon oak foudre and some smaller barrels until bottling in April 2025.

APPELLATION

Adelaida District
Paso Robles

BLEND

100% Syrah

FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled steaks
Lamb
Cassoulet
Spicy sausages

TECHNICAL NOTES

13.5% Alcohol by Volume
800 Cases Produced

