

MOURVÈDRE 2024



The 2024 Tablas Creek Vineyard Mourvèdre is Tablas Creek’s twenty-first 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

A lovely nose, quite dark for the usually red-fruited Mourvedre, with notes of new leather, mint chocolate, meat drippings, and rosemary. On the palate, cassis and chocolate-covered cherry flavors give way to spicy forest floor notes and a meaty complexity like a leg of lamb that has been rubbed with bay and thyme.

PRODUCTION NOTES

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 2025, aged for an additional year in neutral oak, and bottled in April 2026.

Our Mourvèdre grapes were grown on our biodynamic and Regenerative Organic Certified® estate vineyard.

The 2024 vintage began with our second consecutive wet winter, giving the vines good reserves for the growing season. After a normal budbreak and a cool first half of the summer, those reserves were tested by our warmest-ever July and above-average temperatures through October. That led to a compressed harvest that was largely done by the second week of October and yields roughly 20% below our long-term averages. The low yields and warm year combined to produce fruit with intense flavors and noteworthy vibrancy.

APPELLATION

Adelaida District
Paso Robles

BLEND

100% Mourvèdre

TECHNICAL NOTES

13.5% Alcohol by Volume
210 Cases Produced

FOOD PAIRINGS

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

