

PATELIN DE TABLAS BLANC 2018



TECHNICAL NOTES

48% Grenache Blanc
22% Viognier
13% Roussanne
12% Marsanne
5% Clairette Blanche
13% Alcohol by Volume
2300 Cases Produced

FOOD PAIRINGS

Seafood cooked with garlic and white wine
Green salads with avocado and citrus dressing
Lemon chicken
Scallops
Light-fleshed fish with tropical salsa

The 2018 vintage saw an almost ideal balance of vine health and stress, as is often the case with the first dry year after a very wet one. Although rainfall was just 70% of normal, the rains came late, delaying the onset of bud-break and the beginning of the growing season. The cool weather continued most of the year, punctuated by a six-week heat wave in July and early August. But temperatures moderated before picking began, and harvest proceeded under slightly cooler than normal conditions, allowing us to pick without stress and producing fruit (and wines) with intense flavors and good balancing acidity.

TASTING NOTES

The Tablas Creek Vineyard Patelin de Tablas Blanc is a blend of five white Rhône varietals: Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Roussanne, Marsanne, and Clairette Blanche. The wine incorporates fruit from nine top Rhone vineyards in Paso Robles, each vineyard selected for its quality. Like many white wines from the Southern Rhône, it is based on the crisp acids and rich mouthfeel of Grenache Blanc, with Viognier added for floral, tropical aromatics, and small additions of Roussanne and Marsanne for structure.

PRODUCTION NOTES

All varietals for the Patelin de Tablas Blanc were whole cluster pressed, and fermented in stainless steel to emphasize the clean crisp flavors and preserve the aromatics. Only native yeasts were used. After fermentation, the wines were racked and blended, and bottled in May 2019.

VINEYARD SOURCES

27% Grenache Blanc and Viognier from Fralich in El Pomar District
21% Viognier and Marsanne from Derby in Templeton Gap District
15% Grenache Blanc from Coyote Moon Vineyard in Estrella District
14% Roussanne from Creston Ridge in El Pomar District
10% Grenache Blanc from Dawson Creek Vineyard in El Pomar District
6% Roussanne and Grenache Blanc from the Tablas Creek certified organic estate vineyard
5% Clairette Blanche from M du R in El Pomar District
1% Grenache Blanc from Adelaida in Adelaida District
1% Viognier from Clautiere in Templeton Gap District