

## *2018 Vintage*

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. 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.

## *2018 Esprit de Tablas*

*Esprit de Tablas* is Tablas Creek's signature red blend, always led by the dark red fruit, earth, spice and mid-palate richness of Mourvèdre (40%). In 2018, we used a relatively high percentage of Syrah (27%) for its density and dark fruit, along with 23% Grenache and 10% Cunoise for purple fruit, sweet spice, and acidity. The result is a powerfully structured, vibrant *Esprit* that should drink well when young, yet age for two decades or more.

## *2018 Panoplie*

*Panoplie* is our elite Mourvèdre-based cuvée, made in the model of Château de Beaucastel's *Hommage à Jacques Perrin* and selected from the top 5% of lots that come into the cellar each vintage. In 2018, we chose three exceptional lots of Mourvedre to represent 64% of the wine, and added two lots of Syrah (24%) and one of Grenache (12%), producing a wine with layers of dark cassis and blackberry fruit and a distinctive chalky minerality over Mourvedre's meaty, mocha signature. It will be hard to resist young, but we expect it to age effortlessly up to 30 years.

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We are pleased to invite you to our seventeenth annual barrel tasting and sale *en primeur* of Tablas Creek Vineyard's remarkable wines from the outstanding 2018 vintage: *Esprit de Tablas* and *Panoplie*. Offering wine *en primeur* is a time-honored French tradition most often associated with first-growth Bordeaux estates. In outstanding vintages, valued customers are offered the opportunity to secure a limited quantity of sought-after wines at a special price in advance of bottling and subsequent general release. The wines will be available for delivery or pick-up in fall 2020.

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 7, 2019  
Reserve by seating: 10:30am, 1:30pm

**WHERE:** Tablas Creek Vineyard  
9339 Adelaida Road  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
(driving directions on our website:  
[tablascreek.com/visiting](http://tablascreek.com/visiting))

**COST:** \$55 per person (refundable with any *en primeur* purchase)

**RSVP:** Telephone 805.237.1231x236  
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Mail envelope enclosed  
RSVP by Monday, December 2, 2019

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