

2017 Vintage

The 2017 vintage saw our drought end with a bang, as we received 43 inches of rain. The wet soils delayed budbreak to a normal timeframe, and produced such a healthy vineyard that we saw canopy sizes and cane lengths we hadn't seen in years. The summer began relatively cool, but was punctuated by two heat spikes, one in early July and the other in late August, that accelerated ripening and produced intense flavors. The resulting vintage shows the health of the vines with a combination of lush fruit, appealing freshness, and powerful but ripe tannins.

2017 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 2017, we also had outstanding Grenache lots, and we added the most Grenache (35%) we ever have in the *Esprit*, along with 20% Syrah and 5% Counoise for black spice and acidity. The result is a powerfully fruity, chocolately *Esprit* that should provide excellent drinking anytime in the first two decades.

PRESS: *Vinous* (Sept. 2018) 93-95 points, "vibrant, mineral-tinged black raspberry, cola and spicecake flavors that show excellent clarity and thrust. The mineral and spice notes drive an impressively persistent finish"

2017 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 2017, we chose two exceptional lots of Mourvèdre to represent 69% of the wine, and added roughly equal parts Grenache (17%) and Syrah (14%), producing a wine with layers of dark red currant fruit over Mourvèdre's meaty, mocha signature. It will be hard to resist young, but we expect it to age effortlessly up to 30 years.

PRESS: *Vinous* (Sept. 2018) 95-97 points, "superb energy and tension in the mouth, offering sweet, densely packed black raspberry, boysenberry and floral pastille flavors sharpened by a peppery spice nuance"

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We are pleased to invite you to our sixteenth annual barrel tasting and sale *en primeur* of Tablas Creek Vineyard's remarkable wines from the outstanding 2017 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 2019.

WHEN: Saturday, December 1, 2018
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)

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

RSVP: Telephone 805.237.1231x236
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RSVP by Monday, November 26, 2018

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