

2019 Vintage

The 2019 vintage began with ample rainfall the preceding winter. The wet soils delayed budbreak to a little after normal, and a cool first half of the summer delayed flowering and the ripening of our earlier varieties. Beginning the second week of July, the weather turned warm but never so warm to engage the vines' self-defense mechanism of shutting down, accelerating ripening of our later varieties and producing intense flavors. The resulting compressed harvest was completed under ideal conditions and the vintage shows blockbuster potential, with both concentration and freshness.

2019 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 (39%). In this blockbuster vintage, we chose a blend with relatively high percentages of Grenache (30%) and Counoise (10%), and somewhat less Syrah (21%) than usual. The relatively high percentages of Grenache and Counoise seemed to polish the darker flavors of Syrah and Mourvèdre, producing something deep, spicy, and creamy, with warm spices and a lovely loamy earthy umami character. The 2019 *Esprit* should drink well when young yet age for two decades or more.

2019 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 2019, we chose three exceptional lots of Mourvèdre to represent 62% of the wine, and added two lots each of Syrah (22%) and Grenache (16%). The resulting *Panoplie* shows Mourvèdre's meaty, mocha signature, with black fruit and chalky tannins from Syrah and a luscious boysenberry juiciness from Grenache. 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 participate in our eighteenth annual barrel tasting and sale *en primeur* of Tablas Creek Vineyard's remarkable wines from the outstanding 2019 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 pickup in fall 2021.

HOW TO TASTE:

Visit the tasting room at the winery between November 17 and December 7, and we will pour you the new *Esprit* and *Panoplie*.

HOW TO ORDER:

Telephone	805.237.1231x236
E-mail	wineclub@tablascreek.com
Mail	envelope enclosed
RSVP	by Monday, December 7, 2020

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