



Roussanne 2015: Limpid green-hued gold. Lively aromas of orange zest, poached pear, white peach and honey, given spicy lift by a gingery nuance. Fresh orchard and pit fruit flavors show both depth and vivacity thanks to an undercurrent of juicy acidity. The long, energetic finish features sweet butter and smoky mineral notes that hang on with strong tenacity.

92 points

Esprit de Tablas Blanc 2015: Brilliant yellow. An intensely perfumed bouquet displays mineral-accented orange, pear and jasmine scents, along with a deeper suggestion of honey. Energetic citrus and orchard fruit flavors coat the palate and show excellent clarity. A suave floral nuance emerges steadily as the wine opens up. Impressively concentrated yet nervy; the very long, focused finish features suave, lingering florality.

93 points

Patelin de Tablas Blanc 2016: Green-tinged straw. Vibrant, mineral-accented citrus and orchard fruit aromas are joined by a suave jasmine nuance as the wine stretches out. Lively orange, pear skin and nectarine flavors show very good depth as well as energy, courtesy of a firm spine of zesty minerality. The floral element repeats on a bright, sharply focused finish that leaves a dusty, minerally note behind.

91 points

Vermentino 2016: Limpid silver-straw. Bright, sharply focused citrus and orchard fruit aromas are complicated by hints of white flowers, ginger and chalky minerals. Sappy, penetrating lime zest and pear skin flavors show good depth as well as tension and pick up a hint of succulent herbs with aeration. Closes tight, minerally and quite long, featuring repeating mineral and floral notes.

91 points

Clairette Blanche 2016: Vivid straw-yellow. Potent, mineral-accented aromas of tangerine, pear and tarragon. Taut and energetic on the palate, displaying zesty orchard and citrus fruit flavors that become spicier as the wine opens up. A gingery quality adds spicy cut to the long, mineral-tinged finish, which leaves behind subtle oyster shell and lemon zest notes.

92 points

Picpoul Blanc 2016: Limpid yellow-gold. Pungent Meyer lemon and poached pear aromas show good clarity and complicating hints of fennel and sweet butter. Plush and seamless on the palate, offering ripe melon and pear nectar flavors along with suggestions of nougat and honey. Shows good heft as well as energy and finishes supple and long, with a suave floral note hanging on.

90 points

Grenache Blanc 2016: Light bright yellow. Intense, mineral-accented aromas of white peach, melon and tangerine are complemented by a slowly emerging floral nuance. Juicy, seamless and precise, offering intense citrus and orchard fruit flavors that deepen on the back half. A fennel quality comes up with air, along with a bitter quinine nuance that adds refreshingly bitter cut to the impressively long, mineral-driven finish.

92 points

Viognier 2016: Pale green-tinged yellow. Bright, mineral-accented aromas of Meyer lemon, Anjou pear and nectarine develop floral and ginger notes in the glass. Sappy and expansive in the mouth, offering mineral-tinged citrus and pit fruit flavors that become fleshier and put on weight with aeration. Closes on a zesty mineral note, displaying excellent persistence and lingering floral and poached pear flavors.

92 points



Côtes de Tablas Blanc 2016: Bright green-hued yellow. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes fresh pear, nectarine, honey and smoky minerals. Densely packed and chewy in texture, showing impressive energy thanks to a spine of juicy acidity that adds lift to ripe orchard and pit fruit flavors. Finishes sappy, focused and impressively long, showing a persistent, refreshingly bitter pear skin note and resonating minerality.

92 points

Roussanne 2016: Limpid straw-yellow. Intense aromas of ripe pear, peach nectar and honey pick up lively orange zest, mineral and floral accents as the wine opens up. Silky and sharply focused on the palate, offering vibrant citrus and orchard fruit flavors that are energized by a jolt of juicy acidity and a dusty mineral accent. Shows impressive power and clarity on the penetrating finish, which leaves behind hints of orange pith and beeswax.

92-93 points

Esprit de Tablas Blanc 2016: Light, vaguely hazy yellow. Vibrant, mineral-laced citrus and orchard fruit qualities on the nose, along with suave floral and mineral flourishes and a hint of sweet butter. Stains the palate with intense Meyer lemon, pear and bitter quince flavors that deepen and spread out on the back half. The floral note comes back emphatically on a very long, chewy finish that shows outstanding clarity and minerally thrust.

93-94 points

Patelin de Tablas Rosé 2016: Pale pink. Mineral-accented strawberry and blood orange aromas are complemented by a sexy floral nuance. Nervy and focused on the palate, offering vibrant red berry and citrus fruit flavors that show a delicate touch and stretch out and deepen with air. Concentrated yet lithe, finishing with lingering florality, a touch of orange zest and impressive persistence. **92-91 points**

Dianthus 2016: Dark orange-pink. Pungent red berry liqueur, cherry and floral scents are given lift and urgency by a mineral nuance. Concentrated bitter cherry and raspberry flavors pick up spice and floral accents with aeration. Fleshes out and becomes sweeter on the finish, which hangs on with strong, floral-tinged persistence.

91 points

Esprit de Tablas 2014: Vivid ruby-red. Expansive, spice-accented aromas of red and blue fruit liqueur, Asian spices and candied flowers are lifted by a minerally nuance. Silky, broad and alluringly sweet in the mouth, offering sappy black raspberry, boysenberry and lavender pastille flavors that become more energetic with air. In a seamless, elegant style. A refreshing jolt of minerality adds focus and cut to the impressively long, youthfully tannic finish.

94 points

Panoplie 2014: Limpid ruby. A highly complex bouquet evokes ripe, spice-accented black raspberry and cherry scents complemented by suggestions of incense and exotic flowers. Sappy and incisive on the palate, offering alluring sweet cherry, dark berry liqueur and lavender pastille flavors that pick up a smoky, energizing mineral element with aeration. Delivers impressive punch but comes off lithe, finishing with excellent, floral-dominated persistence and smooth tannins that come in late to contribute shape and gentle grip.

95 points

Patelin de Tablas 2015: Dark ruby. Lively, sharply focused aromas of fresh raspberry, candied lavender and spicecake reveal a zesty mineral nuance that becomes more emphatic with air. Juicy, appealingly sweet raspberry, cherry and spicecake flavors deepen and spread out slowly while maintaining urgency. At once concentrated and nervy, finishing with very good focus and smooth, sneaky tannins.

91 points



Terret Noir 2015: Light vivid red. Emphatically fresh and primary, displaying vibrant red currant and strawberry scents and a hint of candied flowers and succulent herbs. Tangy and sharply focused, showing very good clarity and a delicate touch to the tangy red berry and rose pastille flavors. A hint of Campari-like bitterness appears on the very long, nervy, red-fruit-dominated finish, which shows just a hint of fine-grained tannins.

91 points

Pinot Noir Full Circle, Haas Vineyard, 2015: (made with one-third whole clusters) Dark red. Vibrant, sharply delineated raspberry, Asian spice and potpourri aromas develop a strong mineral flourish as the wine opens up. Juicy, spicy and focused in the mouth, showing vibrant cut and mineral lift to the sappy red berry, rose pastille and spicecake flavors. Finishes impressively long and spicy, with resonating florality and silky tannins coming in late to contribute shape. This sexy Pinot, which is grown on Tablas Creek founder Robert Haas' home property in Templeton, speaks extremely well to the variety's potential in this neck of the woods.

93 points

Counoise 2015: Bright violet. A highly aromatic, spice-accented bouquet evokes ripe red and blue fruits and cola; smoky mineral and floral nuances gain power as the wine opens with air. Shows very good energy and lift on the palate, offering juicy boysenberry and black raspberry flavors complicated by a spicecake flourish. Smooth and seamless in texture, finishing with very good energy and harmonious tannins.

91 points

Mourvèdre 2015: Glass-staining ruby. Smoke-accented aromas of ripe dark berries, candied licorice, pungent flowers and cracked pepper show excellent clarity. Spicy and seamless in the mouth, offering sweet cherry and blackberry flavors that display very good depth and building spiciness. Finishes smooth and smoky; rounded tannins add shape and gentle grip. This is pretty suave rendition of this variety.

92 points

Tannat 2015: Inky ruby. Ripe black and blue fruit and vanilla aromas are complemented by a smoky nuance that builds in the glass. Broad, concentrated black currant, vanilla and candied licorice flavors show very good depth and a touch of spicy cracked pepper. Dusty tannins build steadily on a very long, sweet, expansive finish that leaves behind blue fruit and cocoa powder notes.

91 points

Côtes de Tablas 2015: Brilliant ruby. Smoke- and spice-accented red fruits and candied flowers on the highly perfumed nose. Silky and focused on the palate, offering juicy, appealingly sweet raspberry, cherry and spicecake flavors that deepen with aeration. Shows good energy and silky texture on a very long, spicy finish framed by supple, harmonious tannins. This graceful wine should show well on the young side but has the balance to age gracefully as well.

92 points

En Gobelet 2015: Vivid ruby. Sexy, high-pitched aromas of black raspberry, Indian spices, incense and candied violet carry an intense mineral overtone. Sweet, seamless and energetic on the palate, offering spice-laced red and dark berry and floral pastille flavors that expand steadily with air. Finishes with impressive tenacity and focus, leaving juicy dark berry and floral notes behind.

94 points

Esprit de Tablas 2015: Deep ruby. Smoke- and spice-tinged red and black fruits, incense and potpourri on the highly perfumed nose. Plush, seamless and expansive on the palate, offering intense raspberry, boysenberry and spicecake flavors and a repeating floral quality. Rich but impressively graceful as well, showing litheness and cut thanks to a core of juicy acidity. Displays superb energy and focus on the very persistent, fruit-driven finish, which is framed and firmed by dusty, slow-building tannins.

93-94 points

Panoplie 2015: Deep vivid ruby. An exotically perfumed, expansive bouquet displays a wild array of red and blue fruit and floral scents plus suggestions of Asian spices, smoky minerals and incense. Sweet, energetic and focused on the palate, offering intense raspberry, boysenberry, candied lavender and spicecake flavors that show a striking interplay of richness and elegance. Juicy acidity adds lift to the youthfully tannic finish, which hangs on with superb, floral- and mineral-driven tenacity. I can't wait to see how this one turns out in bottle.

95-96 points

Patelin de Tablas 2016: Deep ruby. Ripe, spice-tinged red fruits and fresh flowers on the perfumed nose. Silky and energetic on the palate, offering juicy raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that deepen and become sweeter with aeration. Shows very good focus and lift on a long, spicy finish framed by supple, even tannins.

90-91 points

Côtes de Tablas 2016: Lurid ruby. Intense red fruit preserve and floral pastille aromas pick up suggestions of five-spice powder and smoky minerals as the wine opens up. Sappy and concentrated yet lively as well, offering vibrant raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that are given lift and spine by a core of juicy acidity. Shows an appealing combination of richness and elegance and finishes long and spicy, with supple tannins sneaking in to add shape and grip.

91-92 points

En Gobelet 2016: Opaque ruby. Powerful, expansive boysenberry, incense, Indian spice and violet aromas show outstanding clarity and pick up a dusty mineral nuance with air. Sweet, seamless and lively on the palate, offering sappy red and blue fruit and spicecake flavors that are enlivened by a late jolt of juicy acidity. Displays impressive depth but shows no excess fat. Lingers with serious persistence on the finish, which leaves behind notes of black cardamom and candied dark berries.

93-94 points

Esprit de Tablas 2016: Bright violet. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes black raspberry, candied licorice and incense, along with a suave potpourri nuance. Stains the palate with sappy red and blue fruit liqueur flavors that are energized by Moroccan spice and floral pastille flourishes. Alluringly sweet and concentrated, displaying excellent focus and energy; youthful, fine-grained tannins lend shape and gentle grip.

93-95 points

