

"The 2013 'Esprit de Tablas' is a **stunning** wine from Tablas Creek. This vintage they elected to blend 40% Mourvèdre with 28% Syrah, 22% Grenache and 10% Counoise. The smoky aspect from the Mouvèdre is apparent. Needing more than one hour in the decanter, this initially aromatically reticent wine moves to rich aromas of black plum, smoked pork shoulder, creosote, black cherry and black raspberry. There are flavors of black cherry, black olive, roasted dates, blackberry compote and light tannins. Good grip and richness, with a seamless quality. Give this beauty another year in the bottle to fully integrate. (Best 2017-2027)."

