

WINE ENTHUSIAST

90 **Tablas Creek 2002 Rosé (Paso Robles); \$27.** One of the darker rosés you'll ever see; opens with clean, inviting aromas of cherries and raspberries, and drinks enormously flavorful, with all sorts of wild berries and tree fruits flooding the palate. Beautiful acidity, the kind that tingles the tongue and makes the wine come alive. Finishes dry and balanced. One of the best California Rosés in memory. (3/2004).

91 **Tablas Creek 2002 Côtes de Tablas Blanc (Paso Robles); \$22.** Polished, complex, delicious and compelling, and at the top of the heap of California white Rhône's. The white peach and tropical fruit flavors are joined with slaty minerals and dried herbs ending with a honeyed flourish. A blend of Viognier, Marsanne, Grenache blanc and Roussanne. **Editors' Choice.** (2/2004).

90 **Tablas Creek 2002 Roussanne (Paso Robles); \$27.** Distinctive for its white chocolate flavor and rich, creamy texture. There are also flamboyant notes of guava, nectarine, peach, wildflowers, vanilla and smoke. This opulent wine is filled with vibrant acidity, and is excellently balanced. It is a sure candidate to improve for at least five years in the cellar. (2/2004).