

Best Rhône-Style Whites

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2006 Paso Robles Esprit de Beaucastel Blanc Tablas Creek's top white bottling consistently one of the most complex Rhônevarietal blends produced in California. '06 combines 65 percent roussanne and 30 percent grenache blanc, with a lesser amount of picpoul blanc, all grown in the estate's limestone soils. It's savory and floral, with aromas of mint and honeysuckle gradually unfold to richer flavors of fresh apple, pear and lavender-scented honey. It's warm and inviting without ever feeling heavy. Hold on to this for a few years and then match it with seared veal chops. (1800 cases) Tablas Creek Vineyard, Paso Robles, CA

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