

Decanter

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SPURRIER'S CHOICE

“BEST NEW WORLD WHITE”

TABLAS CREEK, ESPRIT DE BEAUCASTEL BLANC, USA 2001

“**T**ablas Creek, jointly owned by the Perrin family and its US importer Robert Haas, is entirely planted with vines cloned from the organically farmed Château de Beaucastel in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. This superb 2001, a blend of 44% Roussanne, 22% Viognier, 18% Grenache Blanc and 16% Marsanne, is floral and herby on the nose, ripe and rounded on the palate but perfectly balanced. A tremendously expressive wine that provides a new benchmark for California’s Rhone-style white wines.”

