

The
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2000
CLOS BLANC



“This promising hillside vineyard west of Highway 101, six miles from the Pacific Ocean, is jointly owned by importer Robert Haas and the Perrin family of Château de Beaucastel in Châteauneuf du Pape. There is a total of 180 acres, 80 of which are under vine, and 30 leased. Except for a small parcel of Chardonnay, only Rhône varietals are planted. The plantings include Mourvèdre (45%), Syrah (22%), Grenache (22%), and the rest Counoise. The white varietals include Roussanne (50%), Viognier (25%), Marsanne (10%), Grenache Blanc, and the aforementioned Chardonnay. Tablas Creek is still a work in progress, with the winery only having been built in 1997. ...It has become exciting over recent vintages, particularly with the 2000s.”

88 points



“The **2000 Clos Blanc** (a blend of 45% Roussanne, 19% Viognier, 19% Marsanne, and 17% Grenache Blanc) exhibits an excellent citrusy nose, no evidence of oak, and hints of orange marmalade intermixed with citrus, candle wax, and spice. It possesses good acidity, freshness, full body, and excellent fruit. Although this 2000 may last 4-5 years, I recommend drinking it over its first 2-3 years of life.”



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