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> **100 BEST WINES** OF 2000

BEST RED BLENDS"



Tablas Rouge 1997

94 "The scent of this wine draws you in, then the texture holds you effortlessly. What's great about this Rhône blend, however, is not just the deep, dark scent of dried cherries and wet stones, not just the succulent red fruit flavor and voluptuous feel. When it's gone it leaves a memory of earthiness and a clean, refreshing taste. The wine isn't about complexity. It focuses on perfect ripeness, and the delicious savory flavors and textures that come with such impeccably balanced grapes. A joy to drink. This is the first release from Tablas Creek, a joint venture between Château de Beaucastel's Perrin family and their longtime importer Robert Haas."

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