

TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD

VERMENTINO 2013



TECHNICAL NOTES

100% Vermentino

12.7% Alcohol by Volume

970 Cases Produced

FOOD PAIRINGS

Nearly any fresh seafood

Oysters on the half shell

Aioli or Pestos

Linguine with clam sauce

Stir fried green vegetables

The 2013 Tablas Creek Vineyard Vermentino is Tablas Creek's twelfth bottling of this traditional Mediterranean varietal, known principally in Sardinia, Corsica, and Northern Italy. It is also grown in the Rhône Valley (particularly Côtes de Provence) where it is known as Rolle. The Vermentino grape produces wines that are bright, clean, and crisp, with distinctive citrus character, refreshing acidity and surprising richness.

When we imported our Châteauneuf du Pape clones, our contact in the French nursery service included Vermentino because he believed it would thrive in the rocky limestone soils of Paso Robles. We have planted two small blocks of Vermentino, and it has indeed thrived here.

Our Vermentino grapes were grown on our 120-acre certified organic estate vineyard.

The 2013 vintage was our earliest harvest on record, accelerated by the low yields from our second consecutive drought year and a consistently warm summer without the heat spikes or cold stretches that can delay ripening. The net result was a blockbuster vintage, with excellent concentration, refined tannins and good freshness: a vintage that should be impressive and approachable young, but with the stuffing to age.

The Vermentino grapes were whole cluster pressed, and fermented using native yeasts in stainless steel to emphasize the minerality of the grapes. The wine was bottled in February 2014.

Tasting Notes

The 2013 Vermentino shows an zesty, citrusy nose that also includes the fresh green herbs and pronounced minerality characteristic of Vermentino. In the mouth, an initial impression of richness quickly turns crisp, with great acids, just a hint of tropical fruit, and a long, bright, meyer lemon/key lime finish.

