



CÔTES DE TABLAS BLANC 2016



The Tablas Creek Vineyard 2016 Côtes de Tablas Blanc is a blend of four estate-grown white Rhône varietals. The wine, like most wines of the Southern Rhône, is a blend of varietals, featuring the floral aromatics and stone fruit of Viognier, the crisp acids and rich mouthfeel of Grenache Blanc, and the structure and minerality of Marsanne and Roussanne.

The grapes for our Côtes de Tablas Blanc were grown on our certified organic estate vineyard.

The 2016 vintage, while still marked by drought, saw better rainfall than the four previous years, and the vineyards showed good health through most of the growing season. That season started with a very early budbreak and continued warm weather spurred our earliest-ever beginning to harvest, on August 18th. But beginning mid-August, three cool weeks slowed the ripening for all but our earliest grapes, and allowed them to reach flavor and phenolic maturity with slightly above-average hang time. The resulting vintage shows excellent concentration but also remarkable vibrancy, with electric acids framing appealing juiciness.

All varietals for the Côtes de Tablas Blanc were whole cluster pressed, and fermented in stainless steel to emphasize their clean crisp flavors and preserve their aromatics. Only native yeasts were used. After fermentation, the wines were racked and blended, and bottled in June 2017. The wine underwent only a light cold stabilization before bottling.

The 2016 Côtes de Tablas Blanc has an appealingly Rhone-like nose of honeydew melon, sweet spice, mint, and green apple. The mouth shows a lovely balance of richness and lift, with flavors of peach pit, cream soda, aromas of citrus blossom and sweet spice. Bright mandarin orange acids provide freshness on the long finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

43% Viognier
40% Grenache Blanc
14% Marsanne
3% Roussanne

FOOD PAIRINGS

Mussels Marinière
Green salads with avocado and citrus dressing
Scallops
Ceviche
Light fish (halibut, sole) with tropical salsa

13.0% Alcohol by Volume
1790 Cases Produced