

GRENACHE BLANC

2017



The 2017 Tablas Creek Vineyard Grenache Blanc is Tablas Creek’s fifteenth bottling of its 100% Grenache Blanc. The Grenache Blanc grape, a widely-planted but rarely acknowledged southern Rhone varietal is the white variant of the better-known Grenache Noir. It produces wines with full body, good acidity, and flavors of citrus, anise, and green apple.

Tasting Notes

The 2017 Grenache Blanc has a bright nose of key lime, anise, green apple, and chalky minerality. On the palate, round with flavors of honeycrisp apple, pie spices, and citrus zest. The grape’s characteristic acids build on the finish, keeping the lingering flavors of sweet spice and minerality fresh and vibrant. Drink now and over the next few years.

Production Notes

We use most of our Grenache Blanc in our Esprit de Tablas Blanc and Cotes de Tablas Blanc each year. However, we have been so pleased by the flavors and intensity of the Grenache Blanc that we try to reserve a small quantity of Grenache Blanc for a single-varietal bottling when we can.

The grapes for our 2017 Grenache Blanc were grown on our certified organic estate vineyard.

The 2017 vintage saw our drought end with a bang, as we received 43 inches of rain and saw our rainiest month ever in January. The wet soils delayed budbreak to a normal time frame, and produced such a healthy vineyard that we saw canopy sizes and cane lengths we hadn’t seen in years. The summer began relatively cool, but was punctuated by two heat spikes, one in early July and the other in late August, that accelerated ripening and produced intense flavors. The resulting vintage shows the health of the vines with a combination of concentration and freshness, with bright acids framing powerful fruit.

TECHNICAL NOTES

100% Grenache Blanc
13.4% Alcohol by Volume
1325 Cases Produced

FOOD PAIRINGS

Spicy Asian preparations of fish and chicken
Shrimp Scampi
Sushi
Mussels Mariniere

For our varietal Grenache Blanc, we balanced lots that were fermented in stainless steel (for brightness) and foudre (for roundness). These lots were blended in April 2018 and bottled in July 2018.