

TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD

After years of searching, Robert Haas (Vineyard Brands) and the Perrins (Château de Beaucastel) found the perfect site for their new estate in the steep and stony hills west of Paso Robles. Tablas Creek Vineyard was conceived with similar vine selections to the Beaucastel Domaine. Organic farming techniques in the vineyard allow our grapes to be the purest expression of the warm climate and the calcareous clay soils in which they grow. Fermenting with native yeasts and selective blending of the varietals, as practiced by Beaucastel for 150 years, allow the wine to best express its rich and elegant esthetic qualities. We have left no stone unturned in our effort to make Tablas Creek Vineyard Antithesis a forceful statement of its outstanding terroir.

ANTITHESIS 2000

Tablas Creek Vineyard was founded with the specific idea of producing red and white wines in the image of the southern Rhône Valley and Châteauneuf-du-Pape. We imported our own vine material to produce those wines. At the same time, we also imported the most highly regarded French chardonnay clone to fill a special request from a Sonoma winery. We planted 2.5 acres of the low vigor "La Vineuse" in 1997 to produce the requested quantity of bud wood. Of course, when you plant vines to produce cuttings, you also get grapes. In 2000 we had our first small crop from the terraced vineyard block in our chalky-clay soil in the west Paso Robles highlands. It is deliciously and intensely chardonnay. We thought it so classy that we decided to estate-bottle our non-Rhône "Antithesis" under our Tablas Creek Vineyard label. Antithesis is estate bottled from vines grown on the Tablas Creek Vineyard Estate, cultivated without the use of herbicides or systemic pesticides. Only hand hoeing, cover crops, mulch, scorching and mowing are used for weed control. Natural predatory insects, "Bordeaux Mixture" and sulfur control pests and fungi.

TECHNICAL NOTES

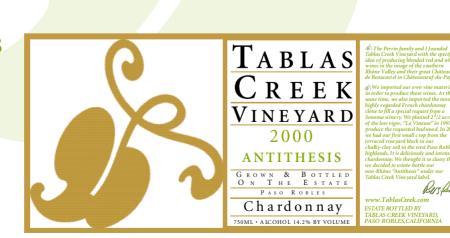
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VINEYARD 2000 ANTITHESIS

100% Chardonnay

14.2% alcohol by volume

250 cases produced



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