

BLANC
1999



AFTER YEARS OF SEARCHING, ROBERT HAAS (VINEYARD BRANDS) AND THE PERRINS (CHATEAU 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 BLANC A FORCEFUL STATEMENT OF ITS OUTSTANDING TERROIR.



TABLAS
CREEK
VINEYARD
1999
BLANC
GROWN & BOTTLED
ON THE ESTATE
PASO ROBLES WHITE WINE
750ML • ALCOHOL 14.1% BY VOLUME

Ⓔ In 1990, the Perrin family of Château de Beaucastel, in France's Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Robert Haas, wine importer with fifty years experience, founded Tablas Creek Vineyard in the steep rugged limestone-clay soils west of Paso Robles. They imported the same grape varieties as those grown on the Perrins' celebrated estate, propagated them in their nursery, and planted them in their vineyard. Ⓔ Only grapes grown on the domaine go into Tablas Creek wines. In order to produce the highest quality fruit, Tablas Creek uses no herbicides or systemic pesticides in the vineyard and the grapevines are closely pruned to reduce yields in order to intensify flavor. At harvest, the grapes are picked by hand, fermented in classic style using only native yeasts, and aged in French oak barrels. Ⓔ 32% MARSANNE, 30% VIOGNIER, 28% ROUSSANNE, 7% GRENACHE BLANC, 3% ROLLE
ESTATE BOTTLED BY TABLAS CREEK VINEYARD, PASO ROBLES, CA
CONTAINS SULFITES

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION CAN BE CAUSATIVE OF HEART DISEASE AND CAN COMPLICATE PREGNANCY. (2) DRIVING WHILE DRUNK OR OPERATING MACHINERY WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS AND INJURY. (3) DRINKING AND DRIVING CAN BE DANGEROUS TO YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE AND OPERATE MACHINERY AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

The elegant 1999 Blanc of Tablas Creek Vineyard is a stunning riper version of the very successful and highly demanded 1997 and 1998 vintages. The color is a pale straw-gold. The nose is of rose petals and ripe peaches. There is a big, intense, rich palate with spicy ripe fruit and a hint of cinnamon. This is a round and luscious wine with a great depth and a fine long finish.



TECHNICAL NOTES

32% Marsanne
30% Viognier
28% Roussanne
7% Grenache Blanc
3% Rolle
14.1% alcohol by volume
905 cases produced

Tablas Creek Vineyard Blanc 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.