

PATELIN DE TABLAS BLANC

2019



Appellation

Paso Robles

Blend

38% Grenache Blanc
24% Roussanne
18% Viognier
13% Marsanne
7% Clairette Blanche
13.0% Alcohol by
Volume

2380 Cases Produced

FOOD PAIRINGS

Seafood cooked with garlic
and white wine
Green salads with avocado
and citrus dressing
Lemon chicken
Scallops
Light-fleshed fish with tropical
salsa

The Tablas Creek Vineyard Patelin de Tablas Blanc is a blend of five white Rhône varietals: Grenache Blanc, Roussanne, Viognier, Marsanne and Clairette Blanche. The wine incorporates fruit from six top Rhône vineyards in Paso Robles, each vineyard selected for its quality. Like many white wines from the Southern Rhône, it is based on the crisp acids and rich mouthfeel of Grenache Blanc, with Viognier for floral, tropical aromatics and rich texture, Roussanne and Marsanne for structure and spice, and a small addition of Clairette Blanche for freshness and minerality.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Patelin de Tablas Blanc is intensely Rhône-like on the nose, with notes of honeysuckle, orange zest, anise, and crushed rock. In the mouth, it's lush but vibrant with mandarin orange, nectarine, white flowers, and a saline mid-palate. The long, zesty finish shows citrus pith and sea spray minerality, with a lingering orange blossom note. Drink now and for the next 2-3 years.

PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2019 vintage's ample rainfall and cool first half of summer delayed budbreak and flowering. The warm second half of harvest produced ideal ripening conditions and intense flavors. The resulting harvest was completed under great conditions and the vintage shows both concentration and freshness, with bright acids framing ample fruit. All varietals for the Patelin de Tablas Blanc were whole cluster pressed, and fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel to emphasize the clean crisp flavors and preserve the aromatics. After fermentation, the wines were racked and blended, and bottled in August 2020.

VINEYARD SOURCES

30% Viognier and Marsanne from Derby in Templeton Gap District
20% Grenache Blanc and Viognier from Fralich in El Pomar District
15% Roussanne and Grenache Blanc from the Tablas Creek certified organic estate vineyard
14% Roussanne from Creston Ridge in El Pomar District
14% Grenache Blanc from Dawson Creek Vineyard in El Pomar District
7% Clairette Blanche from M du R in El Pomar District