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TABLAS CREEK ESPRIT DE TABLAS ADELAIDA DISTRICT 2017

Analysis

This dense and charming Châteauneuf du Pape tribute created in Paso Robles is crafted with a blend of 40% Mourvedre, 35% Syrah, 20% Grenache, and 5% Counoise. In this Tablas Creek red their dense estate-grown Mourvedre takes the lead, which is unmistakable from the first nosing to the last sip. The grapes for this wine were grown in their certified organic and biodynamic estate vineyard. The four varietals were all fermented separately in a variety of vessels from wooden, upright fermenters, open-top tanks, and closed stainless steel. The best lots were blended in May 2018 and then rested in a foudre for an additional year before bottling. This is a beautiful, gentle beast of a wine.

Cool Grade = A | Value Grade = B

Tasting Note

Brilliant, deep ruby color. The aromatics are very intense offering scents of blackberry, black tea, and earth with supporting notes of smoked meat, mocha, violet, blackcurrant, and cigar box. The palate confirms the nose delivering a black fruit-driven core with flavors of plum, black cherry, and sweet balsamic. The finish is long and lingering with chewy and ripe tannins with crushed black fruits and mineral. Full-bodied and perfectly balanced with a meaty texture.

How to Enjoy

This dense and rich wine really needs to be decanted to be fully enjoyed. It does drink very well now but cellaring will undoubtedly reveal additional nuances. This wine will live for a decade-plus in your cellar. Pair with roasted duck, grilled lamb, or beef braised in red wine.



Country: USA

Region: California

Appellation: Adelaida District

Varietal: Red Blend

Retail Price: \$60

ABV: 14.5%



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