

Tablas Creek Vineyard, Paso Robles (California) Mourvèdre 2007 (\$35): Tablas Creek, as most know by now, is the joint venture between the Perrin family, owners of Chateau Beaucastel in Châteauneuf du Pape and Robert Hass, their American importer. Tablas Creek makes wines exclusively from Rhône/Mediterranean grapes, such as this marvelous Mourvèdre. Filled with succulent dark fruit-like flavors, it has the expected leathery notes characteristic of that variety. Nicely balanced--not over the top--with well-integrated tannins, it's easy to savor now with wintertime fare. **90**

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