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Tablas Creek

Esprit de Beaucastel Paso Robles 2002

92 points | \$40 | 2,000 cases made

A brilliant effort, ripe, rich and deeply flavored, with juicy, concentrated black cherry, wild berry, spice and pepper scents. The flavors flow across and saturate the palate, finishing with a long, intense, persistent aftertaste that echoes ripe fruit and spice. Ripe tannins and a dash of cedary oak round out the finish. Mourvèdre, Syrah, Grenache and Counoise. Drink now through 2008.—*J.L.*