

# Community Service Crew Garage Sale set for Oct. 28

By Avni Wadhvani

The Piedmont Community Service Crew is hosting its annual garage sale on Saturday, October 28 at 311 Bonita Avenue starting at 9 a.m. The sale raises money for the Crew's annual house-building project with Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO). The Crew, a coed-Venturing program, is the only non-adult sponsor of the RTO project.

Every year, the teen-led Crew works with RTO to select a low income resident in Oakland who needs the house rebuilt and remodeled. These homeowners are elderly, disabled, or veterans. About 100 Crew volunteers work with RTO to remodel one house in a few days. The renovation project planning and organization is managed by the teens, who learn valuable life skills in the process.

Proceeds from the garage sale will be used to help fund next year's RTO project.

Community members are encouraged to donate items that will sell easily, such as: clothing, fur-



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**Piedmont Community Service Crew members Izzy Wilson (left), Sarah Lim and Ivy Smith helping paint a house in the Crew's annual RTO project in Oakland.**

niture, toys, cooking items, and sports equipment.

No broken or non-working items, please. Donations may be tax deductible. To donate,

Drop off items at 311 Bonita Avenue at 8 a.m. on October 28. Those who cannot donate items but wish to help support the non-profit Community Service Crew, come shop at the garage sale between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Pick up up of items is available by e-mailing [hello@pcservicecrew.org](mailto:hello@pcservicecrew.org). For more information about the Crew, visit [www.pcservicecrew.org](http://www.pcservicecrew.org).



## Tablas Creek Vineyards – America's best Rhone producer

By Pierre du Mont

When California winemakers started to get serious about making world-class wine in the 1960s they looked to two regions of France for guidance. From Bordeaux they imported Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc and from Burgundy they imported Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. These two wine regions have been the dominant influences ever since.

But in the last decade another area of France has become a major influence on California wine production -- the Rhone Valley. About 20 years ago wine writer Robert Parker began touting the Rhone area as the up and coming alternative to overpriced Burgundies and Bordeaux. Parker's influence was pervasive and today Cote Roties,

made the great Beaucastel and began propagating them in a nursery near the winery.

Today Tablas Creek is producing America's finest Rhone style wines. The winery makes a large number of wines. Those listed below are available nationally. For availability see [www.vineyardbrands.com](http://www.vineyardbrands.com) or [www.tablascreek.com](http://www.tablascreek.com).

Tablas Creek is an interesting winery to visit and they welcome visitor swith admirable hospitality. It's always best to call ahead. It's about a four-hour drive from Piedmont. Much of the Tablas Creek range of wines is also available at Wine.com.

The following wines are ranked from one to five stars, with five being best

### 2016 Patelin de Tablas Rose \*\*\*\*1/2, \$25

This is the finest rose I have ever tasted – from anywhere. Made from the same grapes that go into their red wine (mouvedre, grenache, counoise), it smells like a glass of fresh crushed strawberries and cherries. It is totally dry but doesn't seem to be because of the massive fruit flavors. Amazing stuff.

### 2016 Cote de Tablas Blanc\*\*\*1/2, \$30

This is a Viognier based white blend that includes Grenache Blanc, Marsanne and Roussanne. It has a lovely perfumed nose of flowers and peaches. On the palate it is round and soft with good acidity to keep for cloying. It would be a refreshing summer wine or aperitif.

### 2015 Cote de Tablas \*\*\*, \$35

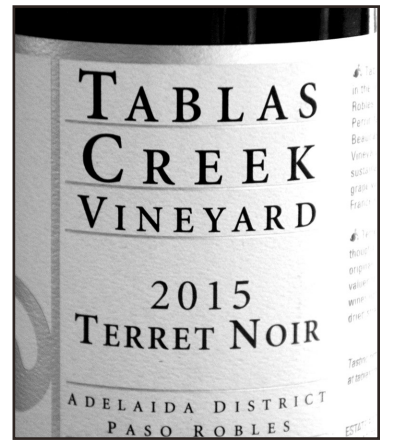
This is Tablas Creek's version of the perennially popular Cotes du Rhone style of wine. Similar to the French versions, it is fairly simple but with ample lush cherry fruit and good acidity. This is a very food-friendly wine that would be a great accompaniment to *coq au vin*.

### 2015 Esprit de Tablas Blanc \*\*\*\*, \$45

Made from Roussanne, Grenache Blanc and Picpoul Blanc, this weighty, complex wine has the body one usually expects in a red wine. It smells of tropical fruits and honey and is lush and full in the mouth. It is long on the finish and ends up bone dry. For anyone who is a bit tired of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, this will be a really rewarding change of taste.

### 2015 Esprit de Tablas \*\*\*\*1/2, \$55

This is Tablas Creek's version of Chateaneuf du Pape. Like its cousin Chateau Beaucastel, it is mostly Mouvedre with Grenache, Syrah and Counoise blended for complexity and has a nose that mixes dark fruit with minerals and spice. On the palate it shows big plum fruit with vanilla from

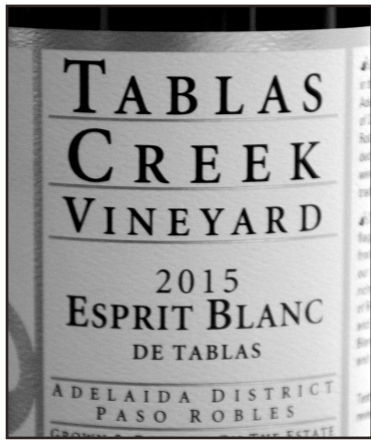


Terret Noir, an obscure French varietal, is Tablas Creek's latest offering.

the oak and soft tannins. This would go great with grilled steaks or pork chops and has sufficient stuffing to last for a decade in the cellar.

### 2015 Terret Noir \*\*\*1/2, \$35

What I love about Tablas Creek is that they are always coming up with obscure grapes that no one has heard of and making very interesting wines from them. The latest exhibit is Terret Noir, a little-planted grape from the south of France. It is very light colored as well as being light on the palate. It has some subtle strawberry and sage notes and reminds me of the red wines of the Jura region in France (Plousard and Trousseau). Drink it as you would Beaujolais – slightly chilled with a plate of charcuterie.



Tablas Creek's Esprit de Tablas Blanc is blended from white Rhone varietals.

Hermitages, and Chateaneuf du Papes from the Rhone are among the most sought after of France's wines.

In the last two decades the production of Rhone style wines in California has increased dramatically. A Rhone style wine is defined as one made from any of the following official Rhone grapes (or combinations thereof): Syrah, Mouvedre, Grenache, Cinsault, Carignane, and Petite Sirah for the red wines, and Viognier, Grenache Blanc Marsanne, and Roussanne for white.

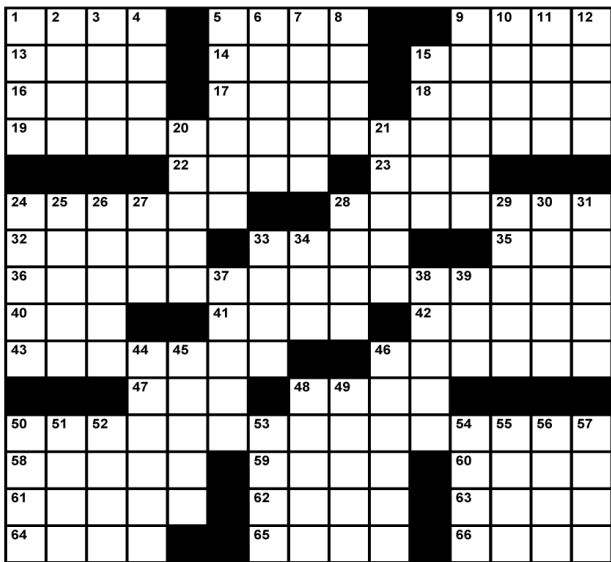
There are now hundreds of wineries making this style of wine in the U.S., from southern California to Washington state. But the capital seems to be Paso Robles, which is home to America's finest producer of Rhone wines – Tablas Creek.

In 1989 the Perrin family, owners of the famous Chateaneuf du Pape winery Chateau Beaucastel, and Robert Haas, an American wine importer, bought property on a limestone ridge near Paso Robles with a desire to make Rhone style wines in America. They brought grafts of the vines that



## Crossword Puzzle

"Move It!"  
by Myles Mellor and Sally York



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|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Across                                    | sensations                           | 27. Lowe or Reiner         |
| 1. Hardy post                             | 59. Egyptian god                     | 28. Arm bone               |
| 5. Paperlike cloth                        | 60. Bin brand                        | 29. Popular mints          |
| 9. Talk effusively                        | 61. Refuse                           | 30. Caffè ____             |
| 13. Suffer                                | 62. Kind of store                    | 31. ____ alcohol           |
| 14. Area 51 conveyances?                  | 63. Names                            | 33. Religious image (var.) |
| 15. ____ Domingo                          | 64. Transmitted                      | 34. V-____                 |
| 16. Word waiters write                    | 65. Cicatrix                         | 37. Elected                |
| 17. "Forget it!"                          | 66. "The ____ have it"               | 38. Displeased expression  |
| 18. Anesthetized                          | Down                                 | 39. Propel, in a way       |
| 19. Express excitement                    | 1. Cutting remark                    | 44. Directed skyward       |
| 22. ____ Bowl                             | 2. Aviation acronym                  | 45. Upchucks               |
| 23. "____ Baby Baby" (Linda Ronstadt hit) | 3. By way of, briefly                | 46. Lamé joke              |
| 24. Don't hold back                       | 4. "____ Angel"                      | 48. Ape                    |
| 28. Inner ear part                        | 5. Prepare to strum                  | 49. Bowel flusher          |
| 32. Ancient Greek theater                 | 6. In conflict with, with "of"       | 50. In things              |
| 33. Shiftless                             | 7. "Big ____" (Notorious B.I.G. hit) | 51. Artificial bait        |
| 35. "Dig in!"                             | 8. Fishing, perhaps                  | 52. "Pumping ____"         |
| 36. Wait on demanding diners, maybe?      | 9. Mohandas Karamchand ____          | 53. Physics units          |
| 40. Age or cube                           | 10. Change back                      | 54. Computer info          |
| 41. Georgetown athlete                    | 11. Hasenpfeffer, e.g.               | 55. Not bad                |
| 42. Threadbare                            | 12. Game ender, perhaps              | 56. Craving                |
| 43. Attack                                | 15. Sweat                            | 57. Make a dinner salad    |
| 46. Savory bit                            | 20. Fine dinnerware                  |                            |
| 47. Hindu month                           | 21. Eminent                          |                            |
| 48. Cat chat                              | 24. Large-eyed lemur                 |                            |
| 50. Lights may do this during a storm     | 25. Bring out                        |                            |
| 58. Pre-migraine                          | 26. Article of faith                 |                            |

## Sudoku Puzzle

Sudoku by Myles Mellor  
Easy

