

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Presents

# Wednesday Wine Flight September 4, 2019

## *Famille Perrin*

### *Southern Rhône, France:*

Famille Perrin is the leading organic wine grower of the Southern Rhône Valley where they occupy the region's best terroirs. Their values have given them a worldwide reputation for excellence: absolute respect for the soil, a commitment to manual methods and a deep belief that organic viticulture is the only way to express the true essence of the terroir. Moreover, the combination of talents within the family ensures the continuation of their unique expertise. Nature and tradition are key to the Famille Perrin way and this approach has continued seamlessly over five generations.

### *Paso Robles, California:*

Tablas Creek Vineyard, founded by the Perrin family of Château de Beaucastel, and Robert Haas of Vineyard Brands, produces organically farmed, estate grown Châteauneuf du Pape style blends and Rhone varietal wines in the limestone hills of west Paso Robles, California.

## 2018 Perrin Côtes du Rhône Réserve France

The 2018 vintage is characterized by exceptional weather conditions. Flowering took place in the best possible conditions, with a historically abundant grape output. A few rainy episodes at the end of the spring complicated things a little with an attack of mildew, but the good weather then settled down until harvest, which took place under idyllic conditions.

Varietals: Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier



Famille Perrin vineyards, Southern Rhône

### Tasting Notes:

Characteristic of Viognier and its floral notes, this is a wine with an incredible freshness and great depth.

### Food Pairing:

A wonderful match with Mediterranean dishes and fish.

PLCB 558428 @ \$12.19  
13% ABV

## 2017 Tablas Creek Vineyard Patelin De Tablas Blanc Paso Robles, CA

The Tablas Creek Vineyard Patelin de Tablas Blanc is a blend of five white Rhône varietals: Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Roussanne, Marsanne and Clairette Blanche. The wine incorporates fruit from nine top Rhone 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 added for floral, tropical aromatics, and small additions of Roussanne and Marsanne for structure.

### Tasting Notes:

The 2017 Patelin de Tablas Blanc is intensely Rhone-like on the nose, with notes of honeysuckle, spiced pear, nectarine, spearmint, and sweet spice. In the mouth, it's lush but vibrant with peach pit, honeycrisp apple, and orange zest flavors, and a saline mid-palate.

PLCB 76684 @ \$21.99  
13%% ABV

## 2017 Perrin Nature Rouge Côtes du Rhône France

Famille Perrin Nature Cotes du Rhone Rouge is medium garnet colour, with bright red reflections.



Making beautiful wines for over 5 Generations - Famille Perrin

### Tasting Notes:

The nose is medium and simple, showing macerated cherries, spices, licorice and notes of Garrigue (thyme, rosemary, juniper). Full bodied, lots of fruit, and ends with a great freshness. The tannins are elegant and fleshy.

### Food Pairing:

Enjoy this dry, full-bodied and fruity red with beef, lamb, game (venison).

PLCB 607217 @ \$11.99  
13.5% ABV

## 2015 Tablas Creek Vineyard Patelin De Tablas Rouge Paso Robles, CA

Tablas Creek's certified organic estate vineyards are largely dry-farmed, limiting yields and emphasizing character of place, while Biodynamic practices in place since 2010 - including a mobile herd of sheep, alpacas and guard donkeys - helped along by Border Collies - make their way to the next grazing location, darting through the vines and under the trellises and up over the top of low rock walls.



The 2015 Patelin de Tablas has a savory, dark, Syrah-driven nose of blackberries, crushed rock, menthol and saddle leather, with a little sweet lift like honey graham crackers. The mouth shows black cherry, loam, and pepper spice, with chalky tannins and flavors of cranberry and freshly turned earth that come out on the finish.

PLCB 586526 @ \$23.39  
14.2% ABV