

K VINTNERS

2017 K THE HIDDEN SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

“Mmmm,” is my reaction to this super-saturated Syrah. Crushed coal diamonds, black currant and green olive laid out before you in a seamless celebration of Washington wine.



VINTAGE NOTES

2017 was a fantastic year for making wine with a cool spring and a fair amount of rain. Washington had an ideal spring for healthy vines. The moderate temperatures during summer were perfect for small clusters and yet delayed veraison into the fall where we had a consistent ripening season that allowed us to hang the fruit for perfect tannin and flavor without losing acidity or acquiring too much alcohol. Overall it was a vintage to remember.

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

98 Points, *James Suckling*

“Happy to see it finer-grained than some, but equally intense. Tobacco, ash and dark fruit. Some grilled meat, too. Full-bodied with a spice, white-pepper and human finish. Wow is all I can say! Drink or hold.”

97 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Coming from a mix of clones and the Northridge Vineyard (which is a high-density planting), the 2017 Syrah The Hidden was not destemmed and was brought up 20 months in 55% new puncheons. Deep ruby/purple, with killer minerality in its black cherry and currant fruits as well as notes of beef blood, violets, spiced meats, and spring flowers, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, beautiful elegance and purity, fine tannins, and a great finish.”

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Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Wahluke Slope

Vineyard(s): Northridge Vineyard (100%)

Production: 2.4 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster fermentation | 44 days on skins | 54% new French oak puncheons | 22 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.5 g/L titratable acidity | 3.97 pH | 14.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

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