



# 2021 K VINTNERS THE HIDDEN SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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The pinnacle of the Wahluke slope. A magical elixir. So dark, so dense. Blackest fruit, wet earth, seashells. Just one taste sent shivers down my spine. Outrageous!

## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2021 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. It started with an early bud break due to nice weather and moderate temperatures. June was one of the warmest in recorded history, resulting in very small berries. Veraison and the beginning of the ripening season were nice and even, creating a beautiful, extended ripening season that led to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2021 is a distinct and lovely vintage and produced fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

## CURRENT SCORES

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### 98 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“My favorite Syrah in the lineup, the 2021 Syrah The Hidden comes all from the Northridge Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope and was not destemmed and spent 21 months in used barrels. This deep ruby/purple-hued effort has a stunning bouquet of red and black fruits, camphor, new leather, ground pepper, and an almost Graves-like smoky, cold fireplace character. With full-bodied richness and beautiful concentration, it’s flawlessly balanced, has silky, fine tannins, and a gorgeous finish. It’s impressive every bit as much for its finesse and complexity as its richness and length. It needs 2-3 years of bottle age and will knock your socks off over the coming 15 years.”

### 97 Points, *James Suckling*

“This syrah is a force of nature. Wild and earthy notes of thyme, freshly turned soil, blueberries, cloves, iron and game. Meaty and intensely savory, with a full body and plenty of power hidden behind a very fine tannin frame. Best from 2027.”

## VINEYARD

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### Northridge Vineyard (100%)

Loamy, fine sand over silica limestone, these ancient soils above the Missoula Flood plain are some of the best to grow fruit. This site is higher elevation and has cooler evenings, which creates later ripening, lots of minerality and concentration. A hidden gem!

## WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Wahluke Slope

**Production:** 2.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel Rules, 45 days on skins | 21 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak puncheons | 847 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 6.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.96 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100147

