



# 2018 K THE HIDDEN SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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It is not a secret the magnitude this wine can reach. In this vintage, femininity reigns supreme. Perfume, flowers, cassis. All anchored to sense of place with stone, ancient soil and chanterelles that make this wine a wine of the earth.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2018 vintage was was incredible! This outstanding vintage began mild followed by a long and dry ripening season in the fall. This enabled us to hang the fruit to reach optimal ripeness without losing acidity or increasing sugars. The wines from 2018 are exceptional in many ways, from the great expression of the whites to the beautiful refinement and complexity of the reds. Enjoy!

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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### 96+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“... Rich, full-bodied, and beautifully polished, it packs loads of fruit yet stays light on its feet, with no sensation of heaviness...”

### 96 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*

“An instant success ... possesses layers of spiced red fruits, black raspberry and nuances of dusty floral tones that sway with precision and finesse. Medium to full-bodied, the wine offers gobs of complexity that overflow with almost immaculate accuracy before ending with a long-lingering and ever-evolving finish that persists for more than a minute. Bravo, I’m going back for another sip.”

### 95 Points, *James Suckling*

“Lots of licorice and tar with blackberries and sweet currants on the nose, following through to a full to medium body with linear, firm tannins and a long, silky-textured finish. Chewy but nicely chewy. Rather delicate in the end. Drink or hold.”

### 92 Points, *Tim Fish–Wine Spectator*

### 92 Points, *Owen Bargreen–Vinous*

## 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:** 2.6 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 47 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 54% new French oak puncheons

**Wine Analysis:** 5.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.78 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100147

