



# 2019 K THE HIDDEN SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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From the ancient soils of the Wahluke slope, a dark-dense structure goes on forever. Black currant, wild sage, black plum, fresh mushroom, and crushed rock make this serious wine sing with focus while delivering black raspberry, cigar wrapper, black pepper, and wet earth. Broodily serious and rockin'!

## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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### 96+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"The 2019 Syrah The Hidden comes from the Northridge Vineyard and is another rich, burly wine that needs bottle age. Both red and black fruits, charcoal, smoky oak, and pepper define the bouquet, and it's full-bodied, has building tannins, and a great finish. I wouldn't open a bottle for at least 2-3 years."

### 96 Points, *James Suckling*

"Ripe black cherry, blackberry and whole and ground peppercorn on the nose. Full-bodied with fine, taught tannins. There is excellent depth and richness here with toasted black fruit and notes of leather and dried rose. Very well balanced with great complexity and intensity. Drink or hold."

### 92 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen* (v2018)

### 92 Points, *Wine Spectator—Tim Fish* (v2018)

## 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:** 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 53 days on skins | 40% new French oak puncheons, 22 months barrel-aged on lees | 632 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.5 g/L titratable acidity, 3.94 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100147

