



2020 K THE HIDDEN SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Late night Jazz bar in an old French noir movie. Alluring. Dried rose petal, blackberry, lavender and anise seed. Dreamy. Opaque. Crushed rock, dried herbs, old leather gloves and black ink. Silky teasing the senses in a mystery of the hidden waiting to be discovered.



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT SCORES

96 Points, *James Suckling*

“Gorgeous nose of bitter chocolate, black plums, peppered steak, cloves and toasted hazelnuts. Salty olives, too. Full-bodied, with broad and muscular tannins, yet so well integrated. I like the savory meatiness here. Long. Even better from 2024.”

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

“Starts with a mineral-focused nose and dense, dark fruit aromas that float out of the glass with notions of wilted purple flowers and spicy and savory notions. Medium to full-bodied, the wine is mineral-driven on the palate, with flavors of juicy tobacco, blackberry jus and spiced cherry compote, a delicate mineral tension and buttressing tannins. The Syrah glides to an elegant, long-lingering, mineral-laced finish and will continue drinking well for about two decades. Begin drinking after two years of additional bottle aging, and decant 30 minutes before consuming.”

94+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

93 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous*

VINEYARD

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

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Wahluke Slope

Production: 2.0 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 49 days on skins | 21 months barrel-aged on lees in 30% new French oak puncheons | 548 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.85 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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