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AWARDS & ACCLAIMS

2016 Syrah
Columbia Valley

93 points, James Suckling, www.JamesSuckling.com, July 2019

"Aromas of blueberries, dried herbs, black cherries and dried flowers lead to a palate that has a core of sleekly defined tannins and bright berry flavors that hold fresh and long. A blend of 78% syrah, 20% grenache and 2% mourvedre. Drink or hold." – James Suckling

90 points – Vinous, www.vinous.com, December 2019

"Bright medium ruby-red. Aromas of black cherry, blackberry and licorice pastille, complicated by a whiff of animal fur and lifted by subtle pepper and herb nuances. Plush and easygoing in texture but not at all overly ripe at 15% alcohol, conveying a savory complexity to its black fruit and black pepper flavors. No sign of cooked fruits here. Finishes with smooth tannins and very good length. This fine-grained, fruit-driven midweight offers early appeal. (no new oak; higher in acidity and lower in pH than most serious Washington Syrahs at 6.5 g/l and 3.64, but then the winery is looking to make an aromatic style of Syrah with pure fruit expression, rather than one with huge ripeness from late picking)" – Stephen Tanzer

90 points, Year's Best US Syrahs & Blends, Wine & Spirits, www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com, October 2018

"This syrah is big and focused at once, a wallop of blue-black fruit that still has direction. Its intensity recedes into a lean and lifted finish, held up by a mild grip of tannins and salty acidity; for beef kebabs." – Patrick J. Comiskey

90 points, Jeb Dunnuck, www.JebDunnuck.com, April 2019

"A blend of 78% Syrah, 20% Grenache, and 2% Mourvèdre, the 2016 Syrah is a juicy, forward, delicious effort that has loads to love. Black raspberries, candied cherries, and leafy herbs notes all flow to a medium to full-bodied, nicely balanced, enjoyable red that's ideal for drinking over the coming 3-4 years." – Jeb Dunnuck

18.5/20 points - Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines, www.reviewofwashingtonwines.com December 2018

"Blended with 16% Grenache and 2% Mourvèdre, this Syrah shows a purplish ruby color and rich aromas of blackberries, cranberries, black currants, black roses, tobacco, lavender and spiced incense. The wine brims with black and blue fruits that are intermixed with licorice, cocoa, roasted coffee beans and minerally earth. The chewy textured back picks up pressed fruits, roasted nuts, mocha, crème de cassis and charcoal, followed by a ripe moderate tannin finish that is enlivened by bright fruit acids. Terrific value." – Rand Sealey

89 points, Wine Spectator, www.winespectator.com, October 2018

"Zesty and well-crafted, with medium-bodied currant, stony mineral and smoky cracked pepper flavors that finish with refined tannins. Drink now through 2024." – Tim Fish

Medals & Competitions

Gold – San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, 2019

Silver – Cascadia International Wine Competition, 2019