

2016 Syrah

Estate Seven Hills Vineyard · Walla
Walla Valley

95 points, James Suckling, www.jamessuckling.com,
February 2019

"This Washington State Syrah manages to combine almost perfectly great wild blackberries with the smoky and black-pepper aromas of the variety. Then comes the stunning interplay of crisp and lively tannins with serious concentration of spice and fresh acidity on the palate, which ignites the super long finish. It tastes like 13.5 per cent alcohol rather than the actual 15 per cent! Drink or hold." – James Suckling

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

"The smaller production 2016 Syrah Estate Seven Hills Vineyard was mostly destemmed (20% whole clusters) and spent 18 months in 40% new French oak. Its deep purple color gives way to a medium to full-bodied, plump, rounded, sexy Syrah that has loads of plum and blueberry fruits, notes of spice and dried herbs, plenty of mid-palate depth, and a great finish. It's another impeccably made wine from this estate that's well worth seeking out." – Jeb Dunnuck

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

"Bright medium ruby. Wild, rather Rhône-like perfume of blackberry, black cherry, lavender, black pepper, bitter chocolate and wild herbs. Then plush and easygoing in the mouth, combining lovely thickness and an impression of energy to its savory, varietally expressive flavors of blackberry, blueberry, black pepper, olive tapenade and exotic spices. Suave tannins saturate the mouth on the slowly building finish. This is from a hotter spot than the Columbia Valley Syrah and is clearly a softer wine. (this wine was vinified with about 20% whole clusters in a layer at the bottom of the fermenter)" – Stephen Tanzer

90 points, Wine Enthusiast, www.winemag.com,
July 2019

"Aromas of black raspberry, blueberry pie, dark coffee, cherry, vanilla and spice are followed by focused fruit flavors with a firm spine of tannins. It brings a pleasing sense of freshness, despite the warmth of the vintage, and has impressive staying power." – Sean Sullivan

90 points, Wine Spectator, www.winespectator.com,
August 2019

"Structured and precise, with sturdy currant, green olive and stony mineral accents that finish with refined tannins. Drink now through 2025." – Tim Fish

Chuck Hill Wine Reviews,
www.chuckhillwinereviews.blogspot.com,
September 2019

"This special wine from the Walla Walla Valley comes from the most widely esteemed vineyard in the AVA and demonstrates why Seven Hills has gained its reputation. I joined other Seattle wine writers with the vineyard owners in the mid-1980s for a show-and-tell of the vineyard's attributes at the first harvest. My tasters enjoyed the classic Syrah character of mineral, smoky game and earthy tar over layers of blueberry, plum and hints of floral perfume." – Chuck Hill

Medals & Competitions

Silver – Great Northwest Invitational Wine Competition,
2019

Platinum - 20th Annual Wine Press Northwest Platinum
Judging, 2019