

L'Ecole

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TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2017 Syrah, Estate Seven Hills Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

19+/20 (95+) PTS

Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines - April 2020
Semi opaque purple-crimson colored, this 100% Syrah emits seductive aromas of wild fruits – blackberries, mountain blueberries, brambly currants – with scents of crushed black roses, pipe tobacco, lavender, olive tapenade, violets and spiced incense. The flavors, as well are attention-getting, with lavish yet deep and focused black and blue fruits that are infused with licorice, dark cocoa, French roast and silt and loam minerals. The saturation continues on the back with macerated berries, roasted nuts, mocha, kidskin and ground charcoal. The alcohol is in the edge at 15%, but is tempered by bright fruit acids on the ripe sweet-dry tannin finish. The range of flavors gives it a plus.

94 PTS

JamesSuckling.com, James Suckling - June 2020
A delicious, juicy red with chocolate, walnut and sweet-tea character. It has underlying almonds and walnuts. It's medium-bodied and spicy and peppery at the end. Partial whole-berry fermentation adds interest. Drink now.

93 PTS

Washington Wine Blog, Owen Bargreen - April 2020
The famed 'Seven Hills Vineyard' is one of the jewels in Walla Walla, producing high quality Syrah and Bordeaux varietals. Fresh sage and damp earthy tones combine with silt, dark fruits and potpourri on this exotic nose. The palate is silky smooth with a bright acidity and deep core of blackberry cobbler, mocha and tar, with smoky undertones. A complete wine, the 2017 'Seven Hills Vineyard' Syrah will have another decade or more ahead of it. Drink 2020-2030.

92 PTS

JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck - April 2020
The single vineyard 2017 Syrah Estate Seven Hills Vineyard is a step up in quality as well as price. Fermented with 20% stems and aged in 40% new oak, its deep purple color is followed by a beautiful bouquet of ripe blueberry fruits, ground pepper, smoked game, and subtle violet nuances. Rich, medium to full-bodied, nicely balanced, and with nicely integrated acidity, you can drink bottles today or cellar them for upwards of a decade.

92 PTS

Wine & Spirits, Patrick Comiskey - October 2020
Seven Hills typically puts out an elegant, smoke-tinged syrah, with glimmers of red fruit and garrigue herbs peeking out from the dark flavors. This vintage gives off scents of sage, green olive and sandalwood adorning fruit that straddles both dark and light berry flavors. The end effect is generous and complex, suitable for leg of lamb.

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