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TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2018 GSM

Stone Tree Vineyard, Whaluke Slope

93 PTS

Washington Wine Blog, Owen Bargreen - April 2020

The 'Stone Tree Vineyard' has gained a great reputation for Rhone varietals over the past decade as this wine is near equal parts Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre. The smoky and damp earth tones really entice, as a core of black fruits and bacon fat open up aromatically. The palate is dense and chewy with a massive core of dark fruits that surround smoked brisket, wet stone and orange rind tones. The combination of freshness and weight is sensational. Drink 2020-2028.

18.5+/20 (92.5+) PTS

Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wine - August 2020

Composed of one third each of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, this displays a ruby-crimson color and rich aromas of blackberry, mountain blueberry, black currant, orange peel, crushed roses, mulberry, lavender, pepper and spiced incense. The flavors are deliciously fleshy yet deep and focused, with black and blue fruits that are imbued with licorice, Swiss chocolate, French roast and Wahluke scorched earth. The back picks up macerated berries, roasted nuts, mocha, crème de cassis, recurring orange peel and graphite on the way to a ripe, spiced (cardamom, clove) moderate tannin finish.

90 PTS

Vinous, Stephen Tanzer - December 2020

Bright ruby-red. Sexy scents of raspberry, smoked meat, tree bark, black pepper and spices, along with surprising mineral lift. Juicy, spicy and alive, displaying good intensity and restrained sweetness to its red fruit and mineral flavors. This nicely delineated midweight, available only at the winery, is more savory than sweet and should be very flexible at the dinner table. Finishes with firm but integrated tannins and lovely mineral-driven length. It could be enjoyed now with a bit of aeration. (aged in used barrels)