

# WHITE HAWK

## 2020 SYRAH

**Varietal:**

Syrah

**AVA:**

Santa Barbara County

**Vineyard:**

White Hawk

**Production:**

312 cases made

**Oak:**

88% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:**

24 months

**Alcohol:**

15.8 %

**Cellar potential:**

Now through 10+ years

**Release date:**

September 10, 2022

### TASTING NOTES

Like wrecking a record number of 80s sedans at the demolition derby during your third driver's test this month. Maple-plum hoods meet black olive rooftops in a metal-on-metal crunch, an espresso-drenched twelve-car pileup, a funeral pyre of black-fruit majesty for your behemoth of a truck. Dirt bikes soar overhead. Marionberry fireworks leave plumes of chocolate and smoked brisket. You're kicking black earth and loam well into the upper deck as you drift around the arena. The instructor riding shotgun wrote you off long ago, but just wait until he sees this jump.

### NOTES

Russell has been producing a single vineyard White Hawk in tiny quantities since the 2005 vintage. Typically produced in a Côte Rôtie style with up to 5% cofermented Viognier. The site is a rolling hillside in the Los Alamos hills almost entirely comprised of beach sand. 90 degree days with 55 degree nights during peak growing season. This wine year in year out showcases the fanged, dark-monster-in-the-closet side of Syrah. This is for anyone who cooks bacon naked.

### SERVING

Temperature: 65°F

Decant: 30 minutes

### ABOUT

Proprietor and winemaker Russell P. From began Herman Story Wines in 2001 with 7 barrels stashed in his employer's cellar. What started as a modest homage to his rancher grandfather has become a beacon to those seeking opulent, structured Syrah and Grenache. To maintain balance while giving flavor full stage, Russell works with 30 top-tier vineyards in over 7 distinct growing regions between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.

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