

# SLIDE HILL

## 2021

### SYRAH / GRENACHE

**Varietals:**

60% Syrah, 40% Grenache

**AVA:**

Edna Valley

**Vineyard:**

Slide Hill

**Production:**

249 cases made

**Oak:**

100% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:**

30 months

**Alcohol:**

15.7%

**Cellar potential:**

Now through 10 years

**Release date:**

March 9, 2024

**TASTING NOTES**

All the triumph and unbridled pleasure of freewheeling down the Columbia Gorge Highway in a 1963 Jeep Gladiator while you should be at a board meeting. Black gooseberry granite cliffs, peppered rabbit jerky, wild raspberry from roadside stands, broiled Simka plum buckshot, bramble-tangled blowtorch, and loganberry brandy from a black steel flask. Those boardroom big-shots and spreadsheet slideshows will have to wait, because this is the best wrong turn you've ever made.

**NOTES**

If it weren't for late-night poker games in a college house basement, Russell wouldn't have this superb Syrah and Grenache. Before he and Jim Binns dreamed of making wine, they would play cards and shoot the breeze until the crack of dawn. Now, Jim owns the beautiful Slide Hill Vineyard—39 rolling, limestone-streaked acres across the street from Alban Vineyards. Deep in the Edna Valley, it's the last to see fog at night and the first to dispel it in the morning, a site that yields deep, complex, structured wines. Jim rarely sells to other producers, so getting some of his fruit is such an honor, it almost makes up for all the chips he won off Russell way back when.

**SERVING**

Temperature: 65° F

Decant: 1 hour

**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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