

WHITE HAWK

2021 SYRAH

Varietal:
Syrah

AVA:
Santa Barbara County

Vineyards:
White Hawk

Production:
320 cases made

Oak:
100% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:
24 months

Alcohol:
15.9 %

Cellar potential:
Now through 10+ years

Release date:
September 16, 2023

TASTING NOTES

You didn't know this old, marble-pillared hotel had a basement bar until you hit the wrong elevator button. A little ten-seater, solid maple, shrouded in sweet tobacco haze, backed by toasted Scotch barrels, a clientele donning mulberry Stetsons and swing dresses—straight from the dark-fruit memories of decades past. The barkeep plates up a perfectly crusted Ribeye, tinged with thyme and spicy pepper, beside a Rob Roy in a crystal glass. Sophisticated and timeless. Except when you try to go back, the concierge says the owner passed in 1958, and it's been closed ever since.

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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