

# WHITE HAWK

## 2015 SYRAH

**Varietals:**

98% Syrah, cofermented with 2% Viognier

**Appellation:**

Santa Barbara County

**Vineyard:**

White Hawk

**Production:**

195 cases made

**Oak:**

90% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:**

24 months

**Alcohol:**

15.3 %

**Cellar potential:**

Now through 10+ years

**Release date:**

September 16, 2017

## TASTING NOTES

You know that plot of land waay on the outskirts of town? The one with the crumbling stone mansion? Where people say if you spend the night you'll go insane? The one that somehow always made you fantasize about a life with 4000 thread count sheets, Hugh Hefner's smoking jackets, carne asada feasts, ghost toast and fresh brambleberry pie served off a tombstone? Well, the widow just passed and left it to whomever could survive a full night alone on Halloween and rumor has it the humidors are still stocked.

## 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. Vineyards of particular note include: Bien Nacido, Slide Hill, Larner, Shadow Canyon, Chelle Mountain, Luna Matta and White Hawk. 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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