AMK 2017 SYRAH

Varietals:

99% Syrah cofermented with 1% Viognier

Appellation:

Santa Barbara County

Vineyard:

White Hawk

Production:

281 cases made

Oak:

100% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:

24 months

Alcohol:

15.7%

Cellar potential:

Now through 10+ years

Release date:

ABOUT

September 14, 2019

TASTING NOTES

There's a double feature at the Moonlight Drive-In, and you've got blankets in your truck and a fifth of Jack in the center console. Plumes of Maduro smoke waft up to the screen as Keanu Reeves' bus hurtles down the freeway. The girls are at the concession stand, grabbing chocolate covered raisins and over-buttered popcorn while the boys take nips from the bottle and listen to your static-clouded radio. There aren't many nights, humid and buggy, you'd be bold enough to steal from the liquor cabinet and break curfew. But tonight, you're pretty sure you could take the wheel from Keanu, and you're pretty sure he'd let you.

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

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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