# WHITE HAAVK 2018 SYRAH

**Varietal:** Syrah **AVA:** 

AVA: Santa Barbara County

**Vineyard:** White Hawk

**Production:** 370 cases made

**Oak:** 100% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:** 24 months

**Alcohol:** 15.9%

Cellar potential: Now through 10+ years Release date:

September 12, 2020

### TASTING NOTES

Next up for auction, Indiana Jones' hat AKA the entire reason you came to this downtown highrise in the first place. The beef teriyaki skewers, brown sugar pork belly, and caramelized chanterelles from the next room won't even distract you. You, in your shorts and flipflops among the tuxedo-clad elite who smell like cedar and mint. Paddles go up and suddenly you're raising yours, again and again as the auctioneer rattles off numbers. When it's all said and done, it's "sold, to the man in the tye-dye shorts." Now, just to find some money.

### 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.



