

Varietal: Syrah

AVA: York Mountain

Vineyard: Chelle Mountain, York Mountain

Production: 463 cases made

Oak: 100% New French Oak

Time in Barrel: 18 months

Alcohol: 15.9%

Cellar potential: 6-8 years

Release date: March 11, 2023

TASTING NOTES

This is survivalist Bear Grylls at the biggest paintball event of the year. Day one, he's laying down swaths of purple-blackberry and deep-chocolate paint on heavily guarded bunkers, his barrel slinging pepper and flint. By day four he's deep behind enemy lines, alone in the pine-blanketed wilderness, roasting rabbit shanks over open fires at midnight, setting traps and foraging for wild herbs and chanterelles. He sleeps with one eye open for predators and combatants, even though everyone else went home last week.

NOTES

The York Mountain Syrah is comprised of fruit from two vineyards, Chelle Mountain and York Mountain Vineyard. The rocky York Mountain AVA region sits at an elevation of 1,600 feet, and is cooler and wetter than Paso Robles, just 8 miles east of the Pacific. To obtain ripeness in this cooler climate grape yields are kept very low to ensure proper sugar development. If you haven't heard of York Mountain yet, you're about to find out.

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.



