

2013 Estate Syrah

Seven Hills Vineyard · Walla Walla Valley

91+ points - Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, November 2016

"(vinified with 30% whole clusters): Bright ruby-red. Captivating floral perfume to the aromas of raspberry, dusty face powder, cocoa and ineffable brown spices, plus a suggestion of game. Wonderfully complex and subtle, offering a very suave texture, intriguing spicy high tones and surprisingly brisk acidity. Very dry, classy Syrah with good medicinal reserve, but still a bit youthfully imploded and firmly tannic. (Clubb also showed me a bottle of the 2003, from the same vines planted in 1997 but vinified without stems. The wine was impressively penetrating and dense but a bit more leathery and wild than the 2013, and its tannins were still a bit unyielding. While it was concentrated and full of life--I scored it 89 points--it may well lose its fruit before its tannins soften.)" – Stephen Tanzer

91 points - The Wine Advocate, eRobertParker.com, July 2016

"Giving up pure, clean notes of blackberries, black raspberries, crushed flowers and toasted bread, the 2013 Syrah Seven Hills Vineyard Estate is medium to full-bodied, silky and textured. You can tell the winemaking here is first rate, and given its purity and tannin quality, it's enjoyable today, but will drink well for a decade."
- Jeb Dunnuck

91 points - Wine Enthusiast, November 2016,
www.winemag.com

"The aromas are redolent with notes of blueberry and boysenberry syrup, along with dried herbs providing accents. The palate is full bodied with rich fruit flavors backed by lightly grainy tannins. The finish lingers." - Sean Sullivan

89 points - Wine Spectator, Fall 2016,
www.winespectator.com

"Firm and chewy, dense with tannins around a core of raspberry and black cherry flavors, picking up licorice and pepper notes on the tangy finish. Best after 2017." - Harvey Steiman

Excellent - Great Northwest Wine, September 2016,
www.greatnorthwestwine.com

"The team from the little schoolhouse west of Walla Walla made a two-day field trip on Sept. 16-17 to pick this lot from 230-acre Seven Hills Vineyard in Oregon. Four rackings over 18 months from a barrel program that included 40% new casks produced blackberry taffy, dusty minerality, black pepper and earthiness. Inside, there's a tasty ride with dried blueberry and Marionberry flavors, backed by pomegranate acidity, tannins reminiscent of espresso grounds and a pinch of black pepper." – Andy Perdue & Eric Degerman

Medals & Competitions

Double Gold – Seattle Wine Awards, 2016

Gold – Savor NW Wine Awards, 2017

Silver – Sunset Magazine International Wine Competition, 2016

Silver – Great Northwest Wine Competition, Walla Walla Valley Wines, 2016