

BLACK HILLS

ESTATE WINERY

Tasting Notes

2017 Syrah

Current Vintage:	2017
First Vintage:	2009
Vineyards:	Sharp Rock, Double Black, Red Brick, Trover
Harvest dates:	October 10th-20th, 2017
Bottling Date:	March 5th, 2019
Final Blend:	100% Syrah
Residual Sugar:	0.1 g/L
Brix:	24.5
Alcohol:	13.5%
Oak Regime:	14 months in 90% French and 10% American oak (20% new)
Primary Cooperage:	Radoux, Mistral, Saury

Tasting Notes:

Ripe raspberry and black cherry aromas are intense and well defined in the 2017 Syrah, and they are joined by hints of freshly cracked black pepper. On the palate dark chocolate and sweet baking spice notes combine seamlessly with the fresh berry fruit flavours. The palate shows all the best aspects of the 2017 growing season through its rich concentration, fresh acidity, and fine silky tannins. A wine that is drinking very well now but also has the structure to help it mature and develop further complexity over the next 6-8 years.

Vintage Notes:

After a late start to the growing season, the 2017 summer was both warm and dry, allowing the vines and fruit to catch up, and to reach veraison in pristine condition. The cooler temperatures of late August and September then allowed the grapes to retain their intense fruit aromatics and natural acidity. Due to the slow and cool fall and the absence of significant rainfall or frost Syrah was able to reach impressive levels of fruit ripeness and showed great balance at harvest.

