



Alta Syrah "Press Highlights"

2021

• 93 - VINOUS, November 2, 2022

"...A vivid purple in the glass. The balsamic nose presents notes of blackberry jam, sweet spice and pepper with a hint of candy. In the mouth, it's creamy and slightly austere before the long, oaky finish of caramel and vanilla, which enhances the rest of the flavors."

2020

93 – JAMES SUCKLING, February 23, 2022

"Ripe plums and blackberries, together with sweet spices, wet earth and tar. Full-bodied with plush, creamy tannins that spread evenly across the palate. Chocolatey texture and a rich, warm finish that ends with hints of savory fruit and flowers. Try after 2023."

2019

• 92 - VINOUS, November 30, 2021

"...Dark purple in the glass, the open, oxidative nose features blackberry, blueberry, spices and a hint of leather over potent notes from the aging process. Concentrated but not insistent, the ripe flavors and heightened integrated freshness give it an impactful style that fills the mouth with an extractive dryness before the ripe aftertaste. Will grow more velvety with time in the bottle."

2018

- 95 INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION, October 16, 2020
- "...Fleshy berry cascades copiously over a palate surfaced with touch of vanilla cinnamon. Meaty pepper glimmers throughout while polished tannins rope in shifting, flowing mouth..."
- 93 VINOUS, October 21, 2020
- "...The expressive nose offers notes of sweetbriar, rose petal, raspberry jam and cigar box along with vanilla, orange petit-fours and pralines. The palate is voluminous and creamy, delivering good, smooth body and an elevated alcohol content (14%). This is a luxurious red with a delicious, indulgent finish."
- 92 JAMES SUCKLING, *April 2, 2020*
- "This has a complex, spicy nose with attractive pepper, graphite and ripe dark berries, all intertwined. The palate has a very rich, fresh and deeply flavored core of ripe dark fruit. The oak is a little assertive for now, but will settle in time. Best from 2024."
- 92 THE TASTING PANEL, September 14, 2020
- "A dark, smooth, and rich wine from Paul Hobbs. Intense, juicy, and ripe; toasty, balanced, and long, with a velvety texture."
- 90 WINE ADVOCATE, March 31, 2021
- "...The 2018 Alta Syrah has notes of thyme and rosemary and plenty of spicy oak with some cigar ash flavors in the finish denoting a generously oaked Syrah...