



## 2013 K THE HIDDEN SYRAH

*Black raspberries, dense earth, toasted brioche and grilled meat. It speaks the language of the vineyard. Powerful and pure... one blockbuster wine!*

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### BLEND

100% Syrah

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### APPELLATION

Wahluke Slope

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### PRODUCTION

100% Whole Cluster

Yeast: Native

43 Days on Skins

100% New Puncheons

22 Months Barrel-Aged on Lees

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### WINE ANALYSIS

0.60 g/100mL Titratable Acidity

3.72 pH

14.5% Alcohol

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### UPC

184745100147

### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

#### **97 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

"Reminding me of a Northern Rhone Syrah from the Le Meal lieu-dit on Hermitage Hill, the 2013 Syrah The Hidden Northridge Vineyard comes entirely from the Northridge Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope, was fermented with 100% whole clusters and aged in mostly neutral oak. It offers thrilling notes of black raspberries, toasted bread, caramelized meats and licorice in a full-bodied, ultra-pure, supple, incredibly sexy style. Possessing building, fine tannin, it needs a lengthy decant if drinking anytime soon, but this utterly seamless, perfectly balanced beauty will offer upward of two decades of overall longevity."

#### **98 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (v2012)**

"One of the most impressive Syrahs from Washington is Smith's The Hidden, which comes all from the Northridge Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope. The 2012 The Hidden Syrah certainly doesn't disappoint and has jaw-dropping good notes of black and blue fruits, ground pepper, violets, lavender and smoked meats that ow, seamlessly to a voluptuously textured, full-bodied, still young and yet evolved Syrah that will bene t from short-term cellaring, and have 15 years or more of overall longevity. This is truly spectacular."

### VINEYARD

**Northridge:** Loamy, fine sand over silica limestone, these ancient soils above the Missoula Flood plain are some of the best to grow fruit. This site is higher elevation and has cooler evenings, which creates later ripening, lots of minerality and concentration. A hidden gem!

### VINTAGE

The warmest vintage since 2003 cooled off just in time for harvest. The resulting wines were less likely to tip over into overripe favors or high alcohol levels, and picking proceeded at a normal pace. Total tonnage was up about 5 percent over 2012, a record for the state. 2013 made us thank Sweet Baby Jesus that our white wine vineyards are cool sites at higher elevation. The very warm vintage cooled down in mid- September allowing us to pick at the perfect moment in the first week of October. This gave us generous full favored wine while still keeping focus.



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