

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

2017 CABERNET
SAUVIGNON



Jeb Dunnuck | 95 POINTS

Deep purple/plum-colored, with notes of tobacco leaf, damp earth, chocolate, and assorted darker fruits, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a rounded, supple texture, polished tannins, and a great finish. It's beautifully done and shows the more classic, elegant style of the vintage nicely. (04/15/20)

Wine Spectator | 94 Points

Polished and finely detailed, this red is impressive, featuring rich black cherry, coffee bean and stony mineral flavors that build tension toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2029. (Spring 2020 Tim Fish)

Wine Enthusiast | 94 Points

The aromas are vibrant, with notes of roasted coffee bean, dark raspberry, scorched earth, barrel spice, leaf and black currant, showing plenty of complexity and nuance. The flavors bring a sense of elegance, detail and depth, along with a creamy feel. Sneaky firm tannins back it up. A long list of superlatives could describe it. Just a baby now. It requires time in the cellar to grow up. But what a future it promises. Best from 2027-2037, but it seems near eternal. (Cellar Selection 06/2020 Sean Sullivan)

Vinous | 93 Points

Bright, dark red-ruby. Nose dominated by cassis and licorice. Sweet, savory Cabernet; at once creamy and tightly wound, showing serious mineral lift to its very dark flavors of crème de cassis and bitter chocolate. Finishes quite firm but not hard. This deep, layered wine will not be released until next spring. (December 2019)

James Suckling | 92 Points

This shows lots of smoky-oak and vanilla character to the dark fruit. In a very youthful and primary state just now. Full-bodied and more opulent and slightly high octane than in the past. Some may like this powerful fruit character. A blend of 88% cabernet sauvignon, 7% merlot and 5% cabernet franc. Needs a year or two to come together. Drink or hold (4/9/20)

Wine Advocate | 92 Points

The nose is lush with a clean expression that will age beautifully for the next decade. The wine has a blackberry and red cherry core, with dusty plum and soft savory notes that add to the complexity. The mouthfeel is still youthful and currently showing well, with a tight mineral expression and approachable tannins, ending with a long, spicy finish. The wine will be ready a touch sooner than the 2016s and will bring pleasure. (12/19/20)