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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

K SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY COUGAR HILLS 2006 95pts

Big, dense and complex, this red hits hard, then backs off, leaving a trail of plum, blackberry, black olive, smoke and mineral flavors that linger. Tannins are present and crisp, but don't get in the way.

Best from 2010 through 2018. 260 cases made. —H.S.

TOP WINES

K SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY MORRISON LANE 2006 94pts

Big and brawny, delivering a huge mouthful of tar-and black olive—accented plum and currant flavors, coalescing into a rich, complex finish. A sizeable wine with poise. Best from 2011 through 2016. 250 cases made. —H.S.

K SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY PHIL LANE 2006 94pts

This rich, ripe red is generous with its spicy green and lack olive flavors, which weave through plums, blackberry and wet stone character that remains powerful through the deftly balanced finish. The tanins need some time to absorb. Best from 2011 through 2016. 140 cases made. —H.S.

K THE DEAL SYRAH WAHLUKE SLOPE SUNDANCE VINEYARD 2006 93pts

Rich, ripe and distinctive for the tarry, smoky dark chocolate and black olive character that weaves through blackberry and ripe cherry fruit, all of it mingling on the solid, well-formed finish.

Best from 2011 through 2016. 440 cases made. —H.S.

K OVIDE EN CERISE WALLA WALLA VALLEY 2006 92pts

Dense, ripe and chewy, this is packed with black cherry, black plum and licorice flavors, hinting at savory herbs And charred meat as the finish rolls on. Complex and well-structured, this needs time to flourish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Best from 2010 through 2016. 215 cases made. —H.S.

K THE CREATOR WALLA WALLA VALLEY 2006 91pts

Dark and chewy, this is dense with blackberry, currant and tar flavors, glowing and pulsing against a layer of smoky tannins. Shows a lot of life. Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Best from 2011 through 2016. 693 cases made. —H.S.

K SYRAH WAHLUKE SLOPE MILBRANDT 2006 90pts

Polished and lively, with a lovely open-textured feel to the plum, tobacco and roasted meats flavors, which linger on the extensive, perfumed finish. Drink now through 2013. 1500 cases made. —H.S.

TOP VALUE

CHARLES SMITH WINES KUNG FU GIRL RIESLING COLUMBIA VALLEY 2007 89pts

Tangy and juicy with refreshing acidity, offering lime, grapefruit, green grape and peach flavors in a nicely focused beam. —H.S.

CHARLES SMITH WINES EVE CHARDONNAY COLUMBIA VALLEY 2007 88pts

Light and floral, with bright pear and apricot fruit shaded with hints of carnation and lavender. Drink now. 15,000 cases made. —H.S.