

Waters

2012 FORGOTTEN HILLS SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY

• 91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR

VINEYARDS •

• **Forgotten Hills Vineyard** was Planted originally in 1996 by Jeff Hill on his family homestead, this mature 7.5- acre vineyard is at the eastern edge of the Walla Walla Valley appellation near the foothills of the Blue Mountains. The soils are composed of basalt cobblestones, deep silt loam, and sandy loam. The cobbles provide excellent drainage and radiate heat that prolongs ripening during cool evenings. The silt loam allows vines to send roots deep into the soil and tap into native water supplies which reduces the need for irrigation. The sandy loam also offers excellent drainage and reduces pest pressures. At almost 1,000 feet elevation, picking in the fall tend to be later than most other Walla Walla vineyards.

WINEMAKER NOTES •

"More of a warm year for what is traditionally our coldest site. We use both Clone 99 and Phelps in the 100% Syrah blend. Always aged in neutral French oak to capture its natural savory aromatics including grilled meats, forest floor, and smoky aromatics. Bracing acidity as usual and a surprisingly strong tannin structure from large and fleshy clusters. This one's an ager for sure."

- Jamie Brown, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES •

Rich garden soil, rosemary bark, rolling tobacco and oregano. Earth and raspberry with hints of darker fruits like blackberry and cassis. Dried flowers waft through this intriguing wine. Supple tannins. Will age nicely. This wine is an inspiration for the width a wine can attain. So complex yet inviting.

TECHNICAL •

WINEMAKER: Jamie Brown

APPELLATION: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Syrah

ALCOHOL: 13.2%

PH: 3.60

TOTAL ACID: 0.65

BOTTLING DATE: February 2014

CASES BOTTLED: 325 cases

PRICE • \$50

CLUB PRICES • 10% \$45 | 20% \$40 | 30% \$35

