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2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON HEATHER HILL WALLA WALLA VALLEY

95 POINTS – JEB DUNNUCK

Coming from a 19-acre site planted in 2002 just outside of Walla Walla, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Heather Hill Vineyard offers a Pomerol-like bouquet of ripe black and blue fruits, tobacco, damp earth, and leafy herbs. Beautiful on the palate as well, it has a wonderful sense of purity and elegance, flawless balance, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's another supple yet concentrated, beautifully textured wine from this estate I'd be thrilled to own. It should keep for two decades in cold cellars.

93 POINTS – VINOUS

Good red-ruby. . . offering aromas of currant, leather, licorice, dark chocolate, loam and tobacco leaf; conveys a strong impression of place. Suave and fine-grained on entry, then sweet, silky and intense in the middle palate, with plum, currant and milk chocolate flavors sharing the ripeness of the Walla Walla Cabernet but showing more refinement and lift. Wonderfully silky and suave, with excellent concentration, texture and weight. The slowly mounting, palate-saturating back-end features well-buffered, building tannins.

92 POINTS – JAMES SUCKLING

A flavorful red with aromas of ripe plum, chocolate and praline. It's full-bodied with firm, fine-grained tannins. Decadent layers of ripe fruit, chocolate and toasty oak.

92 POINTS – WINE ADVOCATE

Floating effortlessly out of the glass, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Heather Hill offers elegant, dark fruit tones that melt perfectly with seductive baking spices and elements of pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, the palate expresses a smooth and velvety texture that proudly shows its elegant nature with impeccable balance, succulent acidity and fine-grained tannins. The wine summersaults to an elongated finish showing power, precision and finesse. The wine rested in French oak for just under two years. It's crushingly good, and the only problem is trying to keep my hands off it. Put this in the cellar and forget about it for a couple of years and reward your future self with a beautiful bottle of wine.

91 POINTS – WINE ENTHUSIAST

The aromas of this 100% varietal bring notes of cherry cordial, coffee, blackberry, anise, dried orange rind and spice. The palate is flavorful and soft. The concentration wavers a bit in the middle initially but fleshes out over time.