

# ABEJA



## 2018 SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY

### 93 POINTS – JEB DUNNUCK

I always seem to love the Syrah from this estate and the 2018 Syrah is no exception. Its dense purple hue is followed by classic Syrah notes of darker berry fruits, bacon fat, game, violets, and cracked pepper. It's rich and medium to full-bodied, with a dense, concentrated mid-palate and sweet tannins. Beautifully done, it has another 10-12 years of prime drinking ahead of it.

### 91+ POINTS - VINOUS

Saturated bright ruby to the rim. Aromas of crushed blackberry, licorice, violet and minerals are a bit darker and wilder than those of the 2017 edition. Dense, sweet and seamless but firm in the mouth, with dark berry flavors lifted by flowers and minerals. A rather politely styled Syrah but firmly structured and still tightly coiled, with the concentration to allow for graceful evolution in bottle. Finishes with firm but suave tannins and subtle rising floral length.

### 91 POINTS – WINE ADVOCATE

The 2018 Syrah was made with 3% Viognier and exudes dusty and juicy black fruit tones with an undercurrent of peppercorn spices, cedar, vanilla and wilted lavender. Medium to full-bodied, the wine displays a balanced structure with lifting tannins that sway with elements of black plum reduction and dried blackberry. It ends with a lingering, complex finish and lasting flavors of black cherry skin and roasted coffee bean. The wine rested in French oak for 19 months. Only 4,440 bottles were filled. Bravo!