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CRITIC REVIEWS

2016 Purisima Mountain Vineyard Syrah

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine: 94 points

Santa Barbara County's Ballard Canyon AVA is proving to be an exceptional site for Syrah, and this bottling from Beckmen capably demonstrates what the excitement is all about. It is a big wine by any measure, and it makes no apologies for ripeness, but it is wonderfully deep in defined Syrah fruit and shows the heady richness and wide ranging spice that defines the variety at its best. What is more, it offers extraordinary value and is a wine that belongs at the top of the shopping lists of all who count themselves as serious fans of the grape.

November 2018

Vinous: 93 points

The 2016 Syrah Purisima Mountain Vineyard is a blend of all the blocks on the property. Powerful and deep, the 2016 has quite a bit of tannic clout behind all the fruit. Today, the 2016 is naturally very primary, but it should be terrific with another few years in bottle. All of the elements are in place for that to happen. Drink 2020 - 2028

September 2018

Jeb Dunnuck: 93 points

The 2016 Syrah Purisima Mountain is a blend of 97% Syrah and 3% Viognier that was aged 16 months in 40% new French oak. Deep ruby/purple-colored, with attractive notes of black fruits, smoked herbs, bacon fat, and pepper, it's medium to full-bodied, ripe and polished, with tons of fruit as well as underlying structure and depth. It's a smoking Syrah as well as a great value. Drink 2018 - 2026.

October 2018

Wine Enthusiast: 92 points

Lovely aromas of candied boysenberry, dark red cherry, crushed lavender, cracked white pepper and dried sage sticks show on the nose of this bottling from a vineyard located high above the Ballard Canyon appellation. There is a great freshness on the palate, where flavors of lavender and violet meet with peppery spice, berry fruit and a tarry edge.

March 2019

California Grapevine: 92 points

2016 Beckmen Vineyards Purisima Mountain Vineyard Syrah, Ballard Canyon (\$32) Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, deep, intense, black cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with herbal and spicy notes and hints of black olive, black pepper, and dark chocolate; full body; big, deep, ripe, blue and black berry fruit flavors that are nicely balanced and showing some elegance, with hints of vanilla and toffee, and a full, rich mouthfeel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very enjoyable to drink now, though also has the balance and structure for another three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. 15.3% alcohol; 1,536 cases; 100% Syrah; released April 2018. (Group Score: 16.6, 0/2/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], fourth place)

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