



## **Wine Critic Reviews**

### **2017 Purisima Mountain Vineyard Syrah**

**Vinous** | By Antonio Galloni, September 24, 2019

94 points

“The 2017 Syrah Purisima Mountain Vineyard is positively gorgeous. Ample, expressive and nuanced, the 2017 exudes class. Inky blue/purplish fruit, lavender, menthol, licorice, blood orange, rose petal and mint all grow as this beautifully layered, impeccable Syrah opens up in the glass. The 2017 was done with fully destemmed fruit, and yet it exudes tremendous aromatic intensity. What a beautiful, beautiful wine it is. Drinking window: 2020 - 2037.”

**Wine Enthusiast** | By Matt Kettmann, December 2019 “Best of Year 2019”

93 points

“This is a classic expression of Ballard Canyon’s Goldilocks appeal, blending the rich potential of warmer-weather Syrah with cooler-climate freshness. Aromas of black cherry, fudge and even butterscotch lead to a palate where oaky caramel and cappuccino flavors are cut by crisp pepper spice.”

**Jeb Dunnuck** | By Jeb Dunnuck, October 31, 2019

93 points

“Moving to the Syrah releases, the 2017 Syrah Purisima Mountain Vineyard was mostly destemmed (10% stems) and aged 17 months in a mix of stainless steel and oak. Its deep ruby color is followed by a rocking bouquet of blackberries, wild strawberries, olive tapenade, lavender, and spring flowers. Medium to full-bodied, silky, polished, and elegant, it has a terrific mix of freshness and richness, ultra-fine tannins, and a great finish. It’s a terrific value.”

**Wine Advocate** | By Erin Brooks, September 12, 2019

90 points

“Medium ruby-purple, the 2017 Syrah Purisima Mountain Vineyard features baked black cherries, wild blackberries, black raspberries, turned earth, licorice, chocolate and hints of nutmeg and herbs. Medium to full-bodied, it’s very spicy with fine, grainy tannins and juicy freshness, finishing long. A nicely restrained and balanced style of Syrah.”

**NorCal Wine** | By Fred Swan, August 26, 2019

“This deep purple wine exudes the aromas of ripe black cherry with nuances of black licorice, charred wood, and blackberry. In the mouth, it has medium-plus body with moderate, fine-grained and delicately chalky tannins. The flavors, powerful but disciplined, begin with chewy black cherry and ripe black plum, then reveal dark mineral, grilled herb, and blackberry syrup. Balance between fruity and savory aspects is excellent. This Beckmen Vineyards Syrah is also a deft conversationalist, it’s complex flavor profile changing tone and emphasis instantly as you try it with different foods. 1,400 cases. Drink now through 2027.”