

ABERRANT CELLARS ~ LÜK ~ SIDECAR WINE TRIALS

2018 LÜK Chardonnay West Block Havlin Vineyard ~ 92 (VINOUS)

Brilliant straw. Citrus pith, dried pear, fennel, savory herbs and a hint of toasty lees on the deeply perfumed nose. Chewy and tightly focused on the palate, offering concentrated, mineral-accented citrus and orchard fruit flavors that flesh out and become spicier with aeration. In an ample style but not lacking for vivacity thanks to its core of juicy acidity. A long, nervy finish emphatically repeats the pear, mineral and fennel notes. 15% new oak.

2017 LÜK Gamay Noir Upper Slope Havlin Vineyard ~ 91 (VINOUS)

Brilliant violet. Ripe dark berries, licorice and a hint of cola on the perfumed nose. Fleshy and seamless in texture, offering lush boysenberry and cherry liqueur flavors that show good depth and a touch of spiciness. In an ample but lively style, finishing sweet and quite long, with fine-grained tannins contributing gentle grip.

2017 LÜK (ABERRANT CELLARS) PETITE SIRAH CRATER VIEW VINEYARD ~ 91 (WINE ENTHUSIAST)

This impressive wine builds on ripe black-cherry fruit with a wide seam of cola. The tannins are polished and provide plenty of grip, but do not dominate. The Petite Sirah was co-fermented with 7% Roussanne.

2017 LÜK Cabernet Sauvignon Own Rooted Serra Vineyard ~ 93 (VINOUS)

Saturated violet. Dark berry liqueur, fruitcake, smoky oak spices and vanilla on the deeply perfumed nose. Stains the palate with juicy black and blue fruit, bitter cherry, mocha and floral pastille flavors; sweet chewing tobacco and mineral nuances add lift and back-end cut. Fleshy and deep but energetic as well, finishing on a youthfully tannic note, with sharp focus and dark-fruit- and spice-driven persistence. Raised in a 50/50 mix of French and American oak, 75% of it new. 2017

2017 SIDECAR OFF THE WAGON (Aberrant Cellars) Willamette Valley ~ 91 (WINE ENTHUSIAST)

Rogue Valley, Southern Oregon, Oregon, US: This is a blend of 31 percent Carmenère, 25 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 25 percent Cabernet Franc, and 19 percent Malbec. Dark fruits and light toast from a small percentage of new oak barrels lead through a substantial wine, with firm tannins and a streak of graphite.

2017 ABERRANT CELLARS Pinot Noir Confero ~ 90 (VINOUS)

Ruby-red. Spice-accented dark berries, cola and a floral nuance on the deeply fragrant nose. Plush blackberry and bitter cherry flavors pick up a smoky nuance with air. A hint of dark chocolate sneaks in on the broad, clinging finish, which is given shape by discreet, rounded tannins. 24% new oak.