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2021 VINTAGE

On September 18, 2024, one of today's leading wine critics whose reviews are read and respected by wine lovers, serious wine collectors, and the wine trade worldwide, tasted and reviewed the latest releases of Hundred Acre wines.

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— JAYSON WOODBRIDGE *Founder & Winemaker*

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2021 ARK VINEYARD

100 POINTS

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Jayson Woodbridge is dynamic, complex, and downright pleasure-packed and one of the stars of the show from his lineup of 2021 wines I tasted in September of 2024. It bursts out of the glass with pure ruby fruit, white truffle, white pepper, black cherry liqueur, and spiced plums layered with delicate cedarwood notes. Full-bodied with the purest of raspberry and blackberry fruit, the wine is framed by a foundation of ultrafine-grained tannins and profound depth on the mid-palate. Nuances of cigar box, saddle leather, and vanilla weave a lattice work around the fruit character, complemented by umami-rich saline minerals. Incredibly precise and pure, it's further enhanced by blood orange acidity and a zesty, smoky quality, finishing with a hint of salted pink Himalayan sea salt.

2021 DARK ARK

100 POINTS

A brooding and powerful wine, like the most delicious hurricane you've ever been caught in. It's packed with super dark fruit, with a wild herb character reminiscent of rain-soaked herbs during a downpour. Rich layers of brandied cassis, dark chocolate, and spiced black cherry liqueur unfold alongside deep blackberry fruit infused with saddle leather and hints of rum-raisin and dry currants. The tannins are finely sculpted, bold, and refined, weaving through dark tobacco notes, new cedarwood, and more of that seductive black cherry and blackberry compote. This wine is for after dinner, the perfect pairing with a fine cigar. A barrel selection of the densest, most powerful wines from the Hundred Acre Ark vineyard, it's a wine that embodies both strength and elegance—rich, intense, and undeniably bold.

2021 WRAITH

100 POINTS

Hundred Acre owner-winemaker Jayson Woodbridge describes Wraith as the perfect snapshot of a vintage, defined by a blend of all three of his estate single vineyards—Ark, Few and Far Between, and Morgan's Way. If you were to taste all three Hundred Acre wines, then Wraith, you might pick out the umami-rich character of Few and Far Between, the red-toned, zesty mineral character of Ark, or the brooding muscularity of Morgan's Way. Still, above all, that unmistakable complex fabric of Hundred Acre is evident in each sip. The 2021 Wraith is coiled up, seductive, and red berry-driven, with loads of black truffle and earthy notes. It's like the Burning Man of wine—rip-roaringly insane, full of energy, magic, and mystery. Yes, there's plenty of red and blackberry fruit, laced with currants and sweet spices, but the floral nuances and dried perfumed aromatics elevate this wine to something otherworldly.

2021 FEW AND FAR BETWEEN

99 POINTS

Pure elegance with super attractive white truffle aromatics and rich umami notes layered with fresh herbs and dark berry fruit. The wine features fine-grained tannins that resolve through a tapestry of succulent blackberry and blueberry notes, cherry-infused currant liqueur, and delicate tobacco spices.

2021 MORGAN'S WAY

98 POINTS

Shimmering like a finely cut ruby jewel, this wine exudes elegant raspberry and black cherry fruit, underscored by white pepper and intense iron-and-graphite-like minerality. Blood orange and lavender stem notes intermix with black liquorice and charred sagebrush, creating a complex bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, it possesses energy and muscularity, a perfect epitome of power and grace, much like a ballet dancer in motion.

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