



2012 K The Hustler Syrah

First release of the decade for this 38-month barrel aged Syrah. It opens with black walnut, candied fruit and salty plum. Massive stone and earth on the palate. One sip and away we go!!

Current & Past Scores

96 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*

"This is a unicorn wine that only gets made in exceptional years—the last time was a decade ago. Hailing from Morrison Lane, the oldest Syrah plantings in the valley, it brings mesmerizing aromas of blackberry, black fruit, moist earth and wet stone. The black-fruit flavors consume the palate, showing density, depth and exceptional length. It's a complete heart-stopper."

Vineyard

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

Morrison Lane (100%): Oldest Syrah plantings in the Walla Walla Valley, southeastern facing slopes, slightly cooler site in the foothills of the Blue Mountains. Soil composition consists of Touchet silt loam and riverwash, sandy loam with coarse sand and gravel. Planted in 1984.

Vintage

Washington vintners were overjoyed at what they tasted after a growing season that tracked very much like 2008, one of the best vintages in memory. Depth of color and flavor in an abundant crop, that retained its desired acidity seems to have put a smile on most winemaker's faces. Following several cooler vintages, 2012 allowed the vines to ripen normally. The waves of fruit came in smoothly. Fruit could hang longer without worrying about getting too ripe. The steady ripening also allowed for beautiful structure and elegance.

Blend

100% Syrah

Appellation

Walla Walla Valley

Production

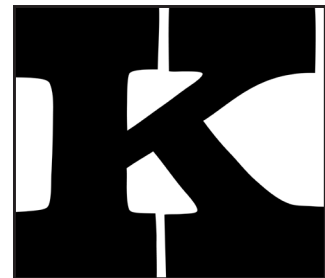
100% whole cluster fermentation
Yeast: native
45 days on skins
100% new French puncheons
38 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.8 g/L titratable acidity
3.62 pH
14.5% alcohol

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