

2014 K Morrison Lane Syrah

First word, complex! Second word, outrageous! Third word, classic! Fourth word, spice! Star anise, clove, blackberry and earth. No more words!

Current & Past Scores

94+ Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The 2014 Syrah Morrison Lane Vineyard from Walla Walla offers a perfumed bouquet of incense, white pepper, plum and hoisin sauce, as well as full-bodied richness, building tannin and a great finish. It needs short term cellaring to integrate those tannin, but is an impressive Syrah."

95 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (v2013)

"Another wine that over achieves is the 2013 Syrah Morrison Lane. Easily the best vintage of this cuvee to date, it has a killer bouquet of olive tapenade, grounded, peppered meats and a core of darker fruits. Medium to full-bodied, seamless, elegant and with fine tannin, it's terrific and will drink nicely for 10-15 years."

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 slit loam and riverwash, sandy loam with coarse sand and gravel. Planted in 1984.

Vintage

2014 had an early spring and a wonderful, long summer with cool nights to help maintain great acidity in the grapes. Going into the fall, temperatures cooled down quite a bit throughout the state, and we were able to hang the fruit for a longer period of time before harvest. This combination allowed us to develop more complex flavors, while still maintaining the acidity, to produce bright, focused wine.

Blend

100% Syrah

Appellation

Walla Walla Valley

Production

Yield: 2.3 tons per acre 100% whole cluster pressed

Yeast: native 45 days on skins 35% new puncheons 20 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

6.1 g/L titratable acidity3.95 pH14.5% alcohol

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