

2014 K Royal City Syrah

One smell and it is obviously Royal City. Decomposed earth, campfire, olives, black licorice, Asian spice. Supple, layered, profound. A wine to inspire dreamers and dreams.

Current & Past Scores

94 Points, Vinous/Stephen Tanzer

"(aged in 50% new oak puncheons): Bright ruby-red. Alluring scents of cassis, black cherry, boysenberry and licorice are distinctly darker than those of the 2013 version. Pungent, juicy and high-pitched, in a tightly wound, rocky style, with its berry fruit lifted by an almost citrussy high note. Intense, penetrating Syrah with a strong element of saline minerality. This fairly sizable wine finishes with noteworthy salinity and energy but needs at least a few years of cellaring to unwind."

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

"A candidate for the wine of the vintage, the 2013 Syrah Royal City is as expansive, sexy and voluptuous as they get in the vintage, hands down. It's deep ruby/purple color is followed by incredible notes of wild herbs, lavender, gamey meats, olive paste and sweet dark berry fruits. Full-bodied, relatively forward and charming, it still packs a wealth of material and has building tannin, all suggesting it will drink nicely for 10-15 years."

Vineyard

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

Stoneridge (100%): Alluvial fan gravel bed, the site rests above the flood plain of the Columbia River. Under the topsoil is a layer of caliche and basalt 6-12" deep, creating a calcium and iron rich media that forces roots to struggle.

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 long period of time before harvest. This combination allowed us to develop more complex flavors, while still maintaining the acidity to produce bright, focused wines.

Blend

100% Syrah

Appellation

Washington State

Production

Yield: 1.6 tons per acre 100% whole cluster pressed

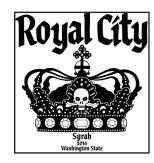
Yeast: native
47 days on skins
70% new French puncheons
28 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

6.4 g/L titratable acidity3.85 pH14.5% alcohol

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