

2015 K Cattle King Syrah

A powerhouse. The quintessential fist in a velvet glove. Blackberry undergrowth, tanned leather, tar and tobacco. Cool fireplace. Not for lack of words....a perfect wine.

Current & Past Scores

100 Points, Jeb Dunnuck (formerly of Robert Parker's Wine Advocate)

"Another off the charts effort is the 2015 Syrah Cattle King Upland Vineyard, which is also saturated purple/black in color. Possessing a more backward, yet insanely pure bouquet of crème de cassis, black fruits, smoked earth, graphite, and violets, it's beautifully concentrated, has no hard edges, thrilling purity, and a gorgeous, layered, awesome, multi-dimensional style. It needs short-term cellaring but is a monumental wine from Washington."

95 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The 2015 Syrah Cattle King is deep and brooding, unfurling in the glass with notes of crème de cassis, plum preserve, incense and burning embers. On the palate, it's full-bodied, ample and layered, with a deep core of concentrated fruit that conceals a chassis of fine-grained but abundant tannins that only assert themselves on the finish. Though it's more powerful than The Beautiful, Cattle King isn't as complex, multifaceted or graceful, but it's a very persuasive Washington Syrah in its own right."

Vineyard

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

Upland Vineyard (100%): Located in the Snipes Mountain AVA in the heart of the Yakima Valley. With slopes facing in all four cardinal directions and an elevation that ranges from 750 to 1300 feet, Upland is some of the oldest and most diverse soils in the state - ancient, rocky soils mostly untouched by the Missoula Floods.

Vintage

The 2015 harvest was the warmest vintage in recorded history, with fantastic viticulture and a great extended harvest. Because of this, we were able to make some of the most incredible wines to date. The vintage was dry and long with an early bud break and late harvest that had cool evenings to guarantee incredible quality. The 2015 wines have big complex flavors, good acidity and great balance.

Blend

100% Syrah

Appellation

Snipes Mountain

Production

Yield: 2.1 tons per acre Yeast: native 100% whole cluster pressed 43 days on skins 50% new, 50% neutral puncheons 20 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.9 g/L titratable acidity 3.89 pH 14.5% alcohol No residual sugar

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