



2015 K Klein Syrah

This wine has a definite coolness to it from the aromas to the palate. Serving up black plum, cold black fireplace ash, bacon fat and a whole lot of sophistication. A true classic style.

Current & Past Scores

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

"Almost always one of my favorite releases at this address, the 2015 Syrah Klein Vineyard is up with the crème de la crème in the vintage. Plums, candied cherries, violets, lavender, chocolate, and tons of dusty, earthy minerality all emerge from this exotic, singular, full-bodied, effort that has building tannin and a vibrant, rich, textured style. With incredible purity, notable structure, and a lifted, perfumed style, it's flat-out gorgeous."

92 Points, *Vinous/Tanzer*

"(these vines are planted on the exposed top of a hill of volcanic rock in the southwestern corner of Walla Walla Valley; owner Charles Smith has lowered the vines--the cordons are now just 12 inches off the ground--over the past few years to minimize the effect of wind): Full ruby-red. Inviting aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, licorice and spices. On the palate, black fruit, tobacco and brown spice flavors show a touch of spicy sweetness, with a juicy black pepper quality extending and lifting the finish. This is juicier than its 2014 predecessor and boasts lovely early fruitiness, with an element of sweetness that is not from residual sugar. The tannins reach the front teeth."

Vineyard

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

Klein Vineyard (100%): This vineyard is located at the Southwestern end of the Walla Walla Valley. It's volcanic rock, with thin, wind-blown loess over basalt. The high elevation, 850 feet, means it doesn't freeze and is a fairly windy site. This vineyard produces low yields and powerful, unique wines.

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

Walla Walla Valley

Production

Yield: 1.9 tons per acre
100% whole cluster pressed
Yeast: native
49 days on skins
50% new puncheons
21 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

4.7 g/L titratable acidity
3.90 pH
14.5% alcohol
No residual sugar

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