



# 2015 K Phil Lane Syrah

Confectionary violets, rare aged beef, crushed stone, earth arround in this seamless dare I say old world pointing Syrah. Estate. Timeless.

## Current & Past Scores

### 96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"From a tiny 1-acre vineyard (that's about 70 cases) on the eastern side of Walla Walla, the 2015 Syrah Phil Lane boasts a gorgeous bouquet of smoked herbs, campfire, tapenade, and assorted black, black fruits. Reminding me of a La Landonne from Guigal aromatically, it's full-bodied, seamless, silky, and flat-out gorgeous on the palate. With fine tannin, no hard edges and a great finish, don't miss this singular Syrah."

### 92+ Points, *Vinous/Stephen Tanzer (v2014)*

"(from a vineyard at 1,300 feet, just outside The Rocks): Bright medium red. A sexy smoked meat note adds interest to the aromas of raspberry, blueberry, cherry, fresh blood, menthol, roasted nuts and seaweed. Quite juicy and rather tight; not a fleshy or generous style but very pure. This lighter, refreshing style of Syrah will get more earthy, smoky and gamey with time in bottle. Finishes with a captivating light touch and excellent lift. My only quibble was that this wine does not appear to possess the intensity of the best 2014 Syrahs from K Vintners."

## Vineyard

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

**Phil Lane** (100%): Located in the Walla Walla Valley, K's first estate vineyard and part of the original homestead property. Soil composition consists of Yakima cobbler loam in ancient riverbed. This well-drained site is part of the Mill Creek drainage system, resulting in a cooler climate than other parts of the valley. The vines are trained very low to take advantage of the radiant heat provided by the large cobbles. Floral aromatics like lavender and lilac are common. The vineyard is named for Phil Lane Sr., who raised his family on the property. His colorful past included amateur and professional boxing, the first Native American to obtain a degree in forestry, two citations from President Lyndon B. Johnson, a passion for training quarter horses, and a love for the Wallowa and Blue Mountains.

## 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: 2.1 tons per acre  
100% whole cluster pressed  
Yeast: native  
47 days on skins  
50% new French barriques  
50% neutral French barriques  
19 months barrel-aged on lees

## Wine Analysis

5.7 g/L titratable acidity  
3.73 pH  
14.5% alcohol

## UPC

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