

2015 K Royal City Syrah

This wine walks into the room and announces, "I'm Royal City!" From the first whiff there is no doubt, uber complex nose, black olive, cured meat, camphor, forest floor with an ever expanding palate. Long and beguiling, this is Royal City.

Current & Past Scores

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

"Another magical Syrah is the 2015 Syrah Royal City. It shows a more finesse-driven (I wrote Burgundian in my notes), ethereal style as well as a beautiful perfume of kirsch and black cherry liqueur intermixed with notes of crushed flowers, ground herbs, pepper, and dried earth. Full-bodied, seamless, and ultra-fine on the palate, it has no hard edges and flawless balance, all making for an incredibly thrilling Syrah that's already a joy to drink. Nevertheless, this cuvée will evolve gracefully and keep for 10-15 years."

97 Points, James Suckling

"A very fragrant nose with stony and earthy aromas, cast against espresso and blood plums with a spread of baking spices. The palate is a powerhouse with intense, all-encompassing, expansive presence. It heads right to the limit of ripeness and holds the line. Explosive, long and wild finish. A thriller! Drink this from 2025 for best results."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"Broad-shouldered and dense, yet refined, with huckleberry, river stone and bacon fat accents that build richness toward fine tannins."

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

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

Washington State

Production

Yield: 1.2 tons per acre 100% whole cluster pressed

26 months barrel-aged on lees

Yeast: native 44 days on skins 100% new French puncheons

Wine Analysis

5.1 g/L titratable acidity3.83 pH13.5% alcoholNo residual sugar

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