



2016 K Cattle King Syrah

Can you smell density? Well, I can in one whiff of this very heady Syrah. Compact and powerful. It unleashes black and red fruit, broken stone, iodine, hung meat upon the senses. Iron fist in a velvet glove. A wine for the ages.

Current & Past Scores

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

"The 2016 Syrah Cattle King Upland Vineyard comes from Snipes Mountain and has a singular, pretty, fresh style with more obvious acidity as well as tannins, yet it still stays in the plush, sexy style of the estate. Blue and black fruits, blood orange, violets, and exotic spice notes all define the bouquet and it's full-bodied, incredibly pure and seamless on the palate. It's a beautiful wine that's going to come together nicely for 2-3 years of bottle age and keep for over a decade."

95 Points, *James Suckling*

"From a sloping plot of deep river rock, this has a fresh array of red and blue berries with a fine, stony edge. The palate has a very sleek, composed feel with such length and composure. The purity of blackberry and blueberry flavors is entrancing. Holds so fresh. Drink this now or hold for a decade or more."

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 2016 vintage started early and warm in Washington State. When summer arrived, the season saw cooler evenings that helped retain acidity, extended the growing and ripening period into September and October. This allowed the fruit to gain more complexity and deeper charm without sacrificing the acid or producing higher alcohol content. The vintage has created deeply rich and focused wines that we will be able to enjoy for a long time to come.

Blend

100% Syrah

Appellation

Snipes Mountain

Production

Yield: 2.2 tons per acre
Yeast: native
100% whole cluster fermentation
44 days on skins
65% new French oak puncheons
21 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.8 g/L titratable acidity
3.86 pH
15.0% alcohol
No residual sugar

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