



2016 K King Coal Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah

No holding back here. A powerful co-ferment of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Blackberry, olive, No. 5 perfume, pencil and alpine air rules the nose. Black fruit, cassis, tobacco, nutmeg, seashell and a profound sense of place oozes from this and lights our powerhouse. The KING of the Royal Slope.

Current & Past Scores

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

"A blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Syrah, the 2015 King Coal Stoneridge Vineyard is ample and generous, bursting with aromas of ripe cherries, licorice and sweet tobacco. Full-bodied and lavishly textural, its ripe but succulent core of fruit conceals a rich chassis of fine-grained, savory tannins. Powerful and exuberant but beautifully balanced, with a mere 13.5% alcohol, it's a head-turning red blend to follow for the better part of a decade."

95 Points, *James Suckling*

"There's a floral edge to the cabernet on the nose with violets and blue roses, ahead of ripe blackcurrants and red plums. The palate delivers a very vibrant and composed feel with dark berries, laced with lightly roasted coffee. Stylish blend and the pick of the cabernet-syrah quartet at K Vintners. A blend of 80% cabernet sauvignon and 20% syrah. Fine now, but best from 2024."

Vineyard

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

Stoneridge Vineyard (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 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

80% Cabernet Sauvignon; 20% Syrah

Appellation

Washington State

Production

Yield: 2.3 tons per acre
100% whole berry fermentation (Cab)
100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah)
Yeast: native
42 days on skins
65% new French barriques
21 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.3 g/L titratable acidity
3.97 pH
14.0% alcohol
No residual sugar

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