

# 2016 K Roma Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah

Cabernet takes the lead. Old world in appearance. All Walla Walla. Elegantly structured, satiny textured, a perfect fit. Black raspberry, cured olive, dried plum, white pepper, oyster shell and mint. A very nuanced wine that will continue to reveal over each passing year.

# **Current & Past Scores**

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

"The 2016 Roma (80/20 Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah) has a singular style in its olive, tobacco, baking spice, and chocolate-laced aromas. This carries to a deeply colored wine that has full-bodied richness, beautiful blackcurrant fruit, building richness, and a great finish. It's an exotic wine from this team to drink over the coming 10-15 years."

#### 91 Points, James Suckling

"A ripe dark-berry nose that offers a very rich array of iodine and inky aromas with black-fruit paste and distinctive cabernet leafiness. The palate is very deep and weighty with ripe black-cherry and black-olive flavors, framed in fresh, sappy tannins. A blend of 80% cabernet sauvignon and 20% syrah. Try from 2022."

#### 91 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"A blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Syrah, the 2016 Roma River Rock Vineyard opens with a freshness that allows for the juiciness of the Cabernet to be lifted by the Syrah. The wine is bold and juicy on the palate, with good concentration and showing a touch of oak and chocolate-covered blackberries with notes of tree bark and blackcurrants, finishing long. This wine will drink well for at least a decade."

# Vineyard

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

River Rock (100%): Owned and farmed by Dana Dibble, planted in 2001. The site is located south of Walla Walla in the old Walla Walla River bed; the soil is rocky and with great drainage. The clone of Syrah sourced is Tablas Creek, which thrives in the big river stone cobble. This is the warmest site in the Walla Walla Valley.

#### 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

Walla Walla Valley

#### Production

Yield: 2.0 tons per acre

100% whole berry fermentation (Cab)

100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah)

Yeast: native

41 days on skins

50% new French oak barriques

21 months barrel-aged on lees

# Wine Analysis

5.1 g/L titratable acidity

3.99 pH

14.5% alcohol

No residual sugar

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