

# K VINTNERS

## 2017 K BRONCHO MALBEC

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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It's alive! Opaque with a red brim. Purple and blue fruit, licorice stick, salt, sage, mint and juniper. Vertically structured and complex as can be.

### VINTAGE NOTES

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2017 was a fantastic year for making wine with a cool spring and a fair amount of rain. Washington had an ideal spring for healthy vines. The moderate temperatures during summer were perfect for small clusters and yet delayed veraison into the fall where we had a consistent ripening season that allowed us to hang the fruit for perfect tannin and flavor without losing acidity or acquiring too much alcohol. Overall it was a vintage to remember.

### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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**95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck***

“Coming from the same site as the Royal City Syrah, the 2017 Malbec Broncho is in the running for the Malbec of the vintage. Lots of chocolate-covered blueberries, leafy herbs, violets, and forest floor all flow to a medium to full-bodied Malbec that has great tannins, the silky, elegant style of the vintage, and a great finish. It's beautifully done and has more opulence than just about any other Malbec out there from Washington State.”

**91 Points, *James Suckling***

“This is a relatively elegant malbec with dried-berry, chocolate and walnut character. It's medium-bodied and flavorful. Drink now.”

### WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Malbec

**Appellation:** Royal Slope

**Vineyard(s):** Stoneridge Vineyard (100%)

**Production:** 2.9 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster pressed | 50% concrete & 50% neutral barrels | 5 months barrel-aged on lees

**Wine Analysis:** 5.5 g/L titratable acidity | 3.42 pH | 13.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001017

