

K VINTNERS

2017 K CATTLE KING SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

A grown wine showing the vineyard and vintage in such a harmonious way. Purple fruit, mint, black olive and forest floor rest on a foundation of rock. Rich earth, full and compelling perfection.



VINTAGE NOTES

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

97 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“From a site on Snipes Mountain composed of rocky, basalt soils (steep hillside slopes), the 2017 Syrah Cattle King is all Phelps clone that was not destemmed and was aged in new oak. This deep ruby/plum-colored effort offers a complex bouquet of blackberries, mulberries, menthol, beef blood, and ground pepper. With a Cornas-like gaminess, medium to full body, and ripe, polished tannins, give it 2-3 years and enjoy over the following 10-15 years.”

94 Points, *James Suckling*

“Very ripe with blackberries and toffee. Caramel and brown sugar. Big wine. Full and flavorful. Drink now.”

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Snipes Mountain

Vineyard(s): Upland Vineyard (100%)

Production: 2.3 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster fermentation | 49 days on skins | 61% new French oak puncheons | 22 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.5 g/L titratable acidity | 3.98 pH | 14.0% alcohol | No residual sugar

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