

K VINTNERS

2017 K GUIDO SANGIOVESE

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Love the color. Ruby brick, shimmering, pipe tobacco, Italian dark cherry, tomato leaf, red licorice whip, dried herb, saddle leather, turned earth. This is textbook Sangiovese. It gets an A!



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

92 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“The 2017 Guido (100% Sangiovese) reveals a lighter ruby hue as well as complex notes of baking spices, new leather, and mulled cherries. It’s medium to full-bodied and has a ripe, velvety texture, good overall freshness and purity, and a great finish. There are only 175 cases made, but it’s a rock star of a Sangiovese (I don’t know many better in the United States) to enjoy over the coming 4-6 years, if not longer.”

90 Points, *Wine Spectator* (v2016)

“Lively and polished, with sleek cherry and spiced cinnamon flavors that glide on a long finish. Drink now through 2024.”

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Sangiovese

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Vineyard(s): Jack’s Vineyard (100%)

Production: 1.9 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole berry fermentation | 41 days on skins | 50% new French oak barriques | 22 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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