

K VINTNERS

2017 K MOTOR CITY KITTY SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Bacon fat, camphor, black Italian cherry, Asian spices, olive, black pepper, dried orange peel, sea salt, cold stone and cool fireplace ash. All this held together with great tension and displayed upon the palate as pure silk.



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

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Coming from the Oldfield and Boushey Vineyards (basically the same vineyard), the 2017 Syrah Motor City Kitty Oldfield-Boushey Vineyard is slightly darker colored and, as with all the Rhones here, wasn’t destemmed and was brought up in mostly neutral puncheons. Blackberries, smoked earth, game, chocolate, and chalky minerality all emerge from this beauty, and it’s a powerful, full-bodied, concentrated effort that will evolve positively for 2-4 years and keep for a decade.”

95 Points, *James Suckling*

“This is deep and flavorful with spice, meat, wet earth and a light, greenish note. It’s medium-to full-bodied, lively and flavor-focused. Drink now.”

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Yakima Valley

Vineyard(s): Boushey Oldfield Block (100%)

Production: 2.4 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster pressed | 48 days on skins | 37% new French oak puncheons | 19 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity | 3.98 pH | 15.0% alcohol | No residual sugar

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