

K VINTNERS

2017 K ROCKGARDEN SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

This is it! Asian Five Spice, licorice and grilled lamb. Freshness and energy that you rarely find in The Rocks. Lavender, white and black pepper and crushed stone. Taut. Long. Great. BIG. BOLD.



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

96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“This great site in the Rocks region of Walla Walla has produced a gamey, meaty 2017 Syrah Rockgarden that sports a medium ruby/plum color, Hermitage-like notes of blackcurrants, graphite, smoked game, pepper, and leafy herb, medium to full body, ripe, powerful tannins, and a great finish. There are just 361 cases made, but it’s a brilliant wine.”

93 Points, *James Suckling*

“This shows lots of floral character with green tobacco and meat on the nose and palate. It’s full and decadent with lots of rich fruit. Juicy finish. Drink now.”

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Vineyard(s): Rockgarden Vineyard (100%)

Production: 1.6 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster pressed | 48 days on skins | 42% new French oak puncheons | 21 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity | 3.99 pH | 14.0% alcohol | No residual sugar

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