

# K VINTNERS

## 2017 K ROYAL CITY SYRAH

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Royal City for REAL. Perfume of great complexity. Camphor, black cherry and forest floor. All spice building on the palate. Suave and full of finesse with cured olive and wet earth. This is where elegance reigns supreme.



### 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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#### 98 Points, *James Suckling*

"This is fantastic with dark-berry, tar, black-pepper, stone and almond aromas and flavors. It's full-bodied and tannic, yet polished and focused. A gorgeous finish. Shows balance and reserve. Lovely tannin tension. Drink after 2024."

#### 99 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck (v2016)*

"The flagship release, the 2016 Syrah Royal City is all from the Stoneridge Vineyard on the Royal Slope (not far from the Frenchman Hills). It was not destemmed and spent 27 months in 60% new French oak. Offering a sensational bouquet of blackcurrants, baking chocolate, beef blood, toasted spice, and loamy earth, it builds slowly, with full-bodied richness, silky tannins, beautiful power and elegance, and a great, great finish, it's another magical wine from this team."

### WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Royal Slope

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

**Production:** 2.2 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster fermentation | 48 days on skins | 60% new French oak barriques | 28 months barrel-aged on lees

**Wine Analysis:** 5.40 g/L titratable acidity | 3.98 pH | 15.0% alcohol | No residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100031



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