



# 2018 K KLEIN SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Whispers of raspberry compote, soy, cool stone and baking spice speak volumes of the harmonious nature of this elixir. Blueberry, herbs of Provence, lavender and white pepper join the mouth-filling symphony. Sleek, refined, and profound – a classic Walla Walla Syrah!



## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2018 vintage was incredible! This outstanding vintage began mild followed by a long and dry ripening season in the fall. This enabled us to hang the fruit to reach optimal ripeness without losing acidity or increasing sugars. The wines from 2018 are exceptional in many ways, from the great expression of the whites to the beautiful refinement and complexity of the reds. Enjoy!

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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### 97 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"...gorgeous nose of red and black currants, smoked meat, roasted herbs, and bacon fat, with a touch of shiitake and foresty, earthy notes in the background. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated, yet seamless and weightless on the palate..."

### 96 Points, *James Suckling*

"A beautiful red with cherry, dried strawberry and clove, crushed black pepper. Medium-to full-bodied. Creamy tannins and a flavorful finish. Cloves. Walnuts. Delicious finish. Drink or hold."

### 93 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate—Anthony Mueller*

"... Aromas of dusty plum, black raspberry, spiced black cherry compote and subtle nuances of dried herbs and wilted purple flowers waft from the glass..."

### 92 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen*

"...displays ripe red currants combined with wet stone and shades of barnyard funk on the nose. The palate shows gobs of mouthwatering acidity and medium-bodied dark fruits that meld well with green peppercorn and garrigue undertones..."

## VINEYARD

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### Klein Vineyard (100%)

This vineyard is located at the Southwestern end of the Walla Walla Valley. It's volcanic rock, with thin, wind-blown loess over basalt. The high elevation, 850 feet, means it doesn't freeze and is a fairly windy site. This vineyard produces low yields and powerful, unique wines.

## WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 49 days on skins | 28 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak puncheons

**Wine Analysis:** 6.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.98 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001505



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