

K VINTNERS

2018 K MOTOR CITY KITTY (MCK) SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Penetrating color. Potpourri of aromas. Blackberry, plum and chanterelles continue to engage the palate. Forest floor, cured meat, black cherry and pine needles. Rich, engaging and oh so persistent. Complex to the max. Nothing is spared!

VINTAGE NOTES

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

98 Points – #62 Top 100 Wines of the World 2020, #18 Top 100 Wines of the USA 2021, James Suckling

“There’s real purity of fruit to this with blackberry, blueberry and dark chocolate, as well as crushed-stone undertones. It’s full and focused with structure and purity. Transparent energy to this. Needs a couple of years. Better in 2023 onwards.”

94+ Points, Jeb Dunnock

“The 2018 Syrah Motor City Kitty Oldfield-Boushey Vineyard is all Syrah from the highest section of the Boushey Vineyard, on the western side of the Yakima Valley. It’s always one of the best values out there. The 2018 sports a dense purple/plum color as well as a smoking bouquet of red and black fruits, minty tobacco, chocolate, and gamey nuances. Rich, full-bodied, and concentrated, yet also with good freshness and ripe tannins, it’s going to benefit from a handful of years of bottle age and evolve for a decade.”

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Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Washington State

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

Production: 2.5 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster pressed | 46 days on skins | 25% new French oak puncheons | 21 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.82 g/L titratable acidity | 3.82 pH | 14.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

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