

# K VINTNERS

## 2018 K ROCKGARDEN SYRAH

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Black plum, Asian five spice, warm turned river stone and taut with tension. Seamless Syrah that persists with black olive, high-polished black shoe leather and beef jerky that keeps going and never gives in.

### 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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**96 Points, *James Suckling***

“Iodine and licorice with crushed-stone and dark-berry character. Full-bodied with chewy tannins that are structured and intense. Flavorful and polished at the end with just a hint of coffee. Drink or hold.”

**93+ Points, *Jeb Dunnock***

“Coming from a great site in the Rocks District of Walla Walla, the 2018 Syrah Rockgarden Vineyard has an incredibly smoky, meaty nose that carries lots of red and black fruits, notes of charcoal and graphite, medium-bodied richness, and a balanced, slightly more narrow, firm style that will hopefully open up with 2-3 years of bottle age. It’s another wine that’s not up to prior vintages yet still brings lots of character and is unquestionably an outstanding wine.”

### WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

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

**Production:** 2.8 tons per acre | Native yeast | 45 days on skins | 100% whole cluster pressed | 38% new French oak puncheons | 20 months barrel-aged on lees

**Wine Analysis:** 5.7g/L titratable acidity | 3.90 pH | 14% alcohol | No residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001383

