



2018 K ROYAL CITY SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Where do I begin? Aromas of wildflowers, bark, sarsaparilla, pottery studio, cherry compote, undergrowth, forest floor. On the palate, it oozes with flair running the gamut from tree fruits, plums, cherries to an array of herbs and spices. Long and silky, ethereal. A dream.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was 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 SCORES

98 Points, *James Suckling*

“An explosion of fresh herbs and spice on the nose with notes of baked blackberry, dry stone and cardamom. Full-bodied with fine, structured tannins and so much delicacy and nuance. The palate feels expansive and wide-reaching with so much depth of flavor and wonderfully ripe fruit. Balanced acidity and wet-stone minerality keep the palate going and going.”

98 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“... Full-bodied and concentrated, with loads of meaty, gamey, spicy nuances, this rock star of a Syrah offers loads of pleasure today yet is going to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and cruise for another 10-15 years in cold cellars. It’s a ripe, sexy, yet again, incredibly savory and meaty Syrah that could come from nowhere else!”

96 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*

“... The nose is sensational, offering green olive and white-pepper-dusted bacon alongside orange zest, fresh sage and suggestions of huckleberry cordial. Silky and elegant, this glides seamlessly across the midpalate. Very pretty red fruits and soy sauce tones combine with blood orange rind, steak tartare and an incredibly long finish.”

96 Points, *Vinous–Owen Bargreen*

93 Points, *Tim Fish–Wine Spectator*

VINEYARD

Stoneridge Vineyard (100%)

Alluvial fan gravel bed, the site rests above the flood plain of the Columbia River. Under the topsoil is a layer of caliche and basalt 6-12” deep, creating a calcium and iron rich media that forces roots to struggle.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Royal Slope

Production: 1.6 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 47 days on skins | 28 months barrel-aged on lees in 54% new French oak puncheons

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.98 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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