



# 2019 K MOTOR CITY KITTY SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

A generous display of Syrah. Lavender, white pepper, black plum, grilled meat, cold fireplace ash, Asian five spice, seashells. All-encompassing, totally engaging – a seamless delivery of a classic!

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

**98 Points; #2 – ‘Top 100 Value Wines, 2022’; #10 – ‘Top 100 Wines of The USA, 2022’; #6 of 600 – ‘Annual Report, Washington State, 2022’, James Suckling.**

“Layered aromas of plums, black cherries, leather, bark and iron. Full-bodied with a lot of nuance. Firm, gripping tannins. Dried roses and crushed blackberries mix with dark, mineral complexity, leaving a buzz on the palate. A clear note of cocoa powder comes through. Concentrated and dynamic. Superb. Best after 2024.”

**94 Points, Jeb Dunnock**

“...has a great nose of darker, gamey black fruits as well as iron, ground pepper, black olives, and violets. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, this balanced, rich, gamey, Northern Rhône-like beauty is terrific today and will be terrific in 8-10 years as well.”

**92 Points, Owen Bargreen–Vinous**

“... On the nose, bright black fruits with citrus ember and sagebrush undertones all meld in the glass. The palate brims with acidity and finesse throughout the drinking experience. Medium-bodied and less fleshy than the 2018 edition but equally good, this excellent Syrah isn’t going anywhere for another eight years.”

## VINEYARD

**Oldfield-Boushey Vineyard (100%)**

Owned by Dick Boushey, one of the premier vineyard owners in Washington State. This is the highest elevation plot and has a southwestern slope and sandy volcanic soils. Three clones of Syrah are planted on this site: 383, 174 and Joseph Phelps.

## WINEMAKING

**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Yakima Valley

**Production:** 3.1 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 47 days on skins | 21 months aged on lees in 25% new French oak puncheons | 1621 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 6.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.88 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001109

