



2020 K VINTNERS KLEIN SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Dark. Wild. Intense. Orange peel, olive tapenade, black plum and dried meat. Complexity abound and continues with earth, dried cherries, black pepper, and tar. So much depth needs to be explored further. Delicious.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT SCORES

97 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Pure cassis, iron, ground pepper, bloody meat, and serious amounts of minerality all define the aromatics, and it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, building tannins, and a terrific, salty character on the finish that keeps you coming back to the glass. This world-class Syrah will evolve for 10-15 years in cold cellars.”

96 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous*

“...takes coaxing to reveal its mentholated mix of dusty florals, scant black currants and incense. This washes across the palate with a dense wave of citrus-tinged blackberry complemented by a cascade of sage, flint and white pepper. The 2020 tapers off structured, as it continues to endlessly open the longer it spends in the glass, while nuances of plum sauce and dark chocolate slowly fade.”

95 Points, *James Suckling*

“Attractive cherries and red plums with crushed rosemary, dried sage, chocolate orange and moist earth. Citrus peel, too. Full and viscous palate with a broad, velvety tannin structure and a lingering, chalky finish. Plush and generous fruit character with tone and energy. Better after 2024.”

90 Points, *Wine Spectator*

“Taut and narrowly focused, with firm currant and blueberry flavors that are laced with hints of savory pepper and herbs, finishing with broad-shouldered tannins. Best from 2025 through 2032. 302 cases made.”

VINEYARD

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

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 1.9 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel, 53 days on skins | 21 months barrel-aged on lees in 40% new French oak puncheons | 302 Cases

Wine Analysis: 6.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.94 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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