



2020 K MOTOR CITY KITTY SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

All-encompassing. Dense, rich, action packed. Explosive dark cherry, huckleberry, black olive. Ash, grilled herb, wet earth. Great intensity, taut and balanced. This has it all and more!



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

98 Points, James Suckling - Top 100 Wines in the World, No. 31, No. 6 Top 100 Wines in the U.S.A

“This is a serious and intense syrah. Complex notes of chocolate, blackberries, black cherries, cedar and nutmeg here, with cracked pepper, rosemary and dried lavender. Evolving. Firm, tight and compact, with a full body. Beautiful freshness, too. More structure here. Try from 2025.”

96+ Points, Eric Guido–Vinous

“Dark and viral in the glass with savory exotic spices, crushed ashen stones, grilled sage and smoked meats ... texturally deep with a wave of mineral-tinged black fruits accelerated by sour citrus, as sweet herbal tones form toward the close... tapers off with a potent concentration of wild berries and smoky earth, as gently grippy tannins tug at the palate. There’s simply so much going on here, and so much more to come through cellaring.”

95+ Points, Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate

“Floral, focused and mineral-driven... offers dark red fruits with delightful red and pink peppercorn notes. Full-bodied and with 15% alcohol, the palate firms up with gripping tannins to reveal a rich mineral tension that lingers on the long, boozy finish. The MCK Syrah will remain a powerhouse and please New World Syrah lovers around the globe.”

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: 3.4 tons per acre, native yeast, whole cluster fermentation, concrete tank and SS Rules, 48 days on skins | 21 months aged on lees, 25% new French oak puncheons | 1624 cases

Wine Analysis: 6.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.85 pH, 15% alcohol, no residual sugar

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