



2020 K ROMA CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Comfort, warmth, familiarity. Cozy up to black plum, bacon fat, late summer tomato and a warm baguette mingling with black pepper, dried flowers and black cherries with a lingering essence of crushed stone and inviting notes of dark chocolate. Reverse the word amor and you get love.

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

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Deep ruby-hued ... offers a medium to full-bodied, round, mouth-filling style as well as complex notes of black and blue fruits, iron, spice, and peppery herb ... it has tons of character and will evolve for a solid decade.”

93 Points, *James Suckling*

“Notes of ripe dark berries, black licorice, black olives, chocolate and wet earth. Medium- to full-bodied and so soft and silky, with fine-grained tannins and bright, juicy acidity. Flavorful and succulent with a vivid, chalky finish. Drink or hold.”

92 Points, *Eric Guido-Vinous*

“Wafts up with a refined mix of crushed stones, graphite and dried black cherries. This is cool-toned and classic in feel, with racy mineral and acid tones guiding its tart wild berry fruit. It tapers off lightly structured and long with a peppery herbal thrust.”

VINEYARD

River Rock Vineyard (100%)

Owned and farmed by Dana Dibble, planted in 2001. The site is located south of Walla Walla in the old Walla Walla River bed; the soil is rocky and with great drainage. The clone of Syrah sourced is Tablas Creek, which thrives in the big river stone cobble. This is the warmest site in the Walla Walla Valley.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.0 tons per acre, native yeast, 67% whole berry co-fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) 33% whole cluster co-fermentation (Syrah), 47 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques | 217 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.8 g/L titratable acidity, 3.86 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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