



# 2020 K ROYAL CITY SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Majestic aromas arise from the glass. Suede, black tea, coal. Making way to a regal layering of black plum, tar, damp earth, and umami, teasing on the royal velvet palate.

## 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*

“Perfumed notes of cracked pepper, incense, rosemary stems, blackberries, white ash, graphite, black olives and mocha all leap out of the glass. Wow. What intensity, building to a crescendo on the palate. Firm, tight-grained tannins here. Full-bodied with incredible structure and depth. Try in 2026.”

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

“...instantly impressive with power, precision and finesse as seductive and juicy tones of black cherry, spiced blackberry jus and elegant floral notions waft with soft savory and spicy aromas. Full-bodied, generously layered and complex. This expressive, layered, succulent Syrah will remain food-friendly for decades; just be patient. It’s an absolute pleasure and will age beautifully over the next two decades.”

### 97+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“It has an incredible array of red and black fruits, cured meats, toasted nuts, ground pepper, and savory flowers. Full-bodied, deep, pure, and incredibly layered, this sensationally complex, seamless Syrah is a tour de force that needs to be tasted to be believed. It’s one of the wines of the vintage and will have 15-20 years of overall longevity.”

## 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 in stainless steel, 49 days on skins | 24 months barrel-aged on lees in 60% new French oak puncheons | 690 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.93 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100031

