



# 2020 K THE DEAL SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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The density of an I-beam and the lift of a whisper. Sundance Vineyard in full bloom as we have never seen before. White pepper, orange skin, red plum. Black licorice, black leather, black sand. To behold is a treasure, to drink is the pleasure.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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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

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**95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck - Top 100 Wines of 2023, No. 86***

“It has an incredibly floral perfume of black and blue fruits, pepper, iron, and crushed stone ... a focused, precision, elegant texture, and a great finish, it’s a gem of a Syrah as well as an insane value.”

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

“Opens to a nose filled with black raspberry, resinous purple flowers and soft dusty aromas that lift from the glass with pink peppercorn notes ...the wine is still tight and mineral-driven on the palate, with pure flavors of spiced plum skin and dark cherries, a balanced structure and lifting tannins.”

**94 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous***

“This is sleek and racy, also mineral to the core, with zesty black fruits and exotic spices that swirl throughout, motivated by brisk acidity... remarkably long and staining, yet leaves the palate watering for more, as sage and clove notes slowly taper off.”

**94 Points, *James Suckling***

## VINEYARD

**Sundance Vineyard (100%)**

One of the oldest vineyards on the Wahluke Slope, planted in 1997. The site is topsoil over gravel, sand and broken down basalt with more caliche than other sites in the Wahluke. The vineyard, because of its aspect, is also a later ripening site allowing for great concentration.

## WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Wahluke Slope

**Production:** 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, SS rules, 48 days on skins | 21 months barrel-aged on the lees in 40% new French oak puncheons

**Wine Analysis:** 6.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.83 pH, 15% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100048

