



2020 K VINTNERS THE KLEIN

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Layer upon layer, dense undefined, with much more to be divulged... dried flowers, dried fruit, mineral mineral mineral, old leather, black cassis, blueberries... gets tangled and then floats to be gathered again by a beautiful tannin structure... a powerhouse with a sweet disposition... open your senses and breath in... intensely gorgeous.

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

96 Points, James Suckling

“A Bordeaux-style blend of 38% cabernet sauvignon, 35% merlot and 27% cabernet franc, the wine enters elegantly and then builds massive tannins in the texture that will hold it steady for years if not decades. Bright red cherries, dried black cherries, cranberries, cedar and oak spices make a wonderful mix. Best from 2030.”

92 Points, Eric Guido-Vinous

“Youthfully restrained, leading off with crushed rocks and dried red and black fruits. It’s soft textured and nearly creamy in feel, with an elegant wave of ripe red and blue fruits accentuated by sweet spices and hints of sage. It finishes long and staining yet only lightly structured, leaving a tinge of sour orange that provides lovely freshness.”

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: 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation in French oak tanks, 47 days on skins | 22 months barrel aged on lees in 65% new French oak barriques | 403 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.8 g/L titratable acidity, 3.86 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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