



2021 K VINTNERS MOTOR CITY KITTY SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Intriguing, tantalizing and desirable. Wrapped in a flutter, created by a need for more... expectations turn into surprises of white pepper, black plum, potpourri and fresh pine needles. Melds and twists of complexity, fresh sage, grilled herbs, orange zest and nori notes. Can't get over it... such an enticing beauty.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. It started with an early bud break due to nice weather and moderate temperatures. June was one of the warmest in recorded history, resulting in very small berries. Veraison and the beginning of the ripening season were nice and even, creating a beautiful, extended ripening season that led to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2021 is a distinct and lovely vintage and produced fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

CURRENT SCORES

99 Points, James Suckling - Ranked No. 7 in James Suckling's "Top 100 World Wines" and No. 2 in their "Top 100 Value Wines of 2024"

"The aromas leap out of the glass. Wet earth, tapenade, green peppercorns, volcanic ash and tea leaves. Hints of orange peel. It's electric on the palate, so savory, so earthy and so mineral-ly, with stemmy and tea-like tannins. The freshness and energy are astounding, and the finish just keeps going. Delicious syrah. Drink or hold."

93+ Points, Jeb Dunnock

"One of the seemingly cooler climate-inspired Syrahs in the lineup, the 2021 Syrah Motor City Kitty comes from the Boushey Vineyard in the Yakima Valley (vines planted in 2007) and was not destemmed and was brought up in used oak. Smoky, gamey, Northern Rhône-like aromatics all give way to a medium-bodied, fresh, focused beauty that has fine tannins, a solid core of darker fruit, lots of peppery, meaty nuances, and outstanding length. It's tight and closed at the moment, so give bottles just a year or three if you can".

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"Potent but structured and polished, offering expressive raspberry and blueberry flavors that take on licorice and black olive accents as this races toward zesty tannins. Drink now through 2032."

VINEYARD

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 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in concrete tank and SS Rules, 37 days on skins | 21 months aged on lees, in 25% new French oak puncheons | 2271 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.98 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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