



2021 K 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 & PAST SCORES

99 Points, *James Suckling*

"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."

96+ Points, *Eric Guido-Vinous* (v2020)

"Dark and viral in the glass with savory exotic spices, crushed ashen stones, grilled sage and smoked meats ... texturally deep with a wave of mineral-tinged black fruits accelerated by sour citrus, as sweet herbal tones form toward the close... tapers off with a potent concentration of wild berries and smoky earth, as gently grippy tannins tug at the palate. There's simply so much going on here, and so much more to come through cellaring."

95+ Points, *Anthony Mueller-Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* (v2020)

"Floral, focused and mineral-driven... offers dark red fruits with delightful red and pink peppercorn notes. Full-bodied and with 15% alcohol, the palate firms up with gripping tannins to reveal a rich mineral tension that lingers on the long, boozy finish. The MCK Syrah will remain a powerhouse and please New World Syrah lovers around the globe."

VINEYARD

Boushey Vineyard (100%)

Owned by Dick Boushey, one of the premier vineyard owners in Washington State. This vineyard was planted by Dick with the help of Brennon Leighton. 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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