



2021 K VINTNERS PHIL LANE SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

It all starts with one acre of divine specialness, truly a treasure that produces the most unique and magnificent Syrahs... black cherry, leather, lilac, olive tapenade, charred cedar, and crushed slate... opulent complex and layered, so charming... burnt orange peel, baked plum, fresh fig, and baking spices... and it continues inviting one to explore the kaleidoscope of the senses.

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

97 Points, James Suckling

“Massive black fruit flavors meet black pepper and violet nuances in this full-bodied, rich and balanced wine. Black plums, blackberry jam, star anise and white pepper make it fascinating sip after sip. Grown in cobblestone soil at 1,300 feet. Best from 2028.”

97 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

“The 2021 Syrah Phil Lane Vineyard is up with the crème de la crème of the vintage, as well as the state. Coming from a tiny parcel on the eastern side of the Walla Walla Valley and all varietal, it has an incredibly complex nose of redcurrant and black cherry fruit interwoven with notes of cold fireplace, sappy herbs, iron, and violets. With medium to full-bodied richness, a pure, seamless mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and flawless balance, it’s not a blockbuster and is one of those fabulous wines that grows on you with each sip. I love it today, yet I see no reason it shouldn’t evolve for 15 years or more.”

VINEYARD

Phil Lane Estate Vineyard (100%)

Located in the Walla Walla Valley, K’s first estate vineyard and part of the original homestead property. Soil composition consists of Yakima cobbler loam in ancient riverbed. This well-drained site is part of the Mill Creek drainage system, resulting in a cooler climate than other parts of the valley. The vines are trained very low to take advantage of the radiant heat provided by the large cobbles.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel Rules, 51 days on skins | 21 months barrel-aged on lees in 40% new French oak puncheons | 120 cases

Wine Analysis: 6.2 g/L titratable acidity | 3.94 pH | 14.5% alcohol | no residual sugar

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