



# 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 & PAST 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."

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

"With a savory and herbal nose... offers notes of rosemary, sage and bay leaf with soft meaty tones, juicy dark cherry and spiced plum aromas in the glass. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is fresh, floral and spicy with a delicate mineral tension that sways with succulent tannins and energetic acidity before concluding with a spicy, herbal-laced finish."

**94 Points, Eric Guido–Vinous (v2020)**

"...wafts up with a classic mix of grilled herbs, smoky green olives and crushed slate. This is silky in feel, with a dense wave of mineral-laced black fruits and exotic spices that resonate throughout. Zesty acidity keeps the style lively, as grippy tannins tug at the cheeks, and nuances of sage and salted licorice slowly fade. Throw the Syrah Phil Lane into a blind tasting of Northern Rhône Syrah, and watch your fellow tasters struggle to figure out where it's from."

## 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

**UPC:** 184745001321

