



2021 K VINTNERS ROMA CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Violets, lavender, black roses give way to milk chocolate, cassis and an overall complexity. 1950s evening bag, lipstick, matches and a broken cigarette, perfume, loose coin, and a silk lining. A beautiful wine for my Mother.

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

94 Points, *James Suckling*

“This blend of 71% cabernet sauvignon and 29% syrah is sleek and seductive, bright with red and black cherries and shaped by firm but bracing tannins. Whole-berry cabernet and whole-cluster syrah are co-fermented to make this seamless, brilliant blend. Best from 2028.”

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Coming all from the River Rock Vineyard in the Rocks region of the Walla Walla Valley, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah Roma has exotic red and black fruits as well as some sappy flowers, iron, and hints of leafy tobacco-driven aromas and flavors. This ripe, full-bodied, nicely textured blend has plenty of fine tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish”

VINEYARD

River Rock Vineyard (100%)

Owned and farmed by Dana Dibble, planted in 2001. The site is located south of Walla Walla in the old Walla Walla River bed; the soil is rocky and with great drainage. The clone of Syrah sourced is Tablas Creek, which thrives in the big river stone cobble. This is the warmest site in the Walla Walla Valley.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 1.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 71% whole berry co-fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) 29% whole cluster co-fermentation (Syrah) in stainless steel Rules, 47 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques | 81 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.9 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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