



2021 K VINTNERS THE DEAL SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

A shrouded jewel unveiled to embrace... black plum, crushed dried roses, volcanic sand, cedar box and charcoal... generous with gorgeous refinement, precision and texture... it sings in chorus with black cherry, forest floor, white pepper, grilled rosemary, and a whisper of orange blossom that lingers into eternity... delightful and stunning 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

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"Rich, fruity and generous, but also spicy, smoky and well-braced by acidity and moderate tannins. It's a syrah that has it all, deep blackberry and blueberry flavors laced with white pepper, singed rosemary and black cherries that expand on the palate and linger on the finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2028."

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"Another terrific Syrah from this team, the 2021 Syrah The Deal is all varietal and comes from the Sundance Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope. Its deep ruby/purple hue is followed by a terrific array of red, blue, and black fruits, as well as some classic Northern Rhône game, violet, leather, and iron-like nuances. It's complex, medium to full-bodied, has ripe tannins, and a beautiful mouthfeel. It's stunning stuff as well as a brilliant value. Don't miss it."

91 Points, *Wine Spectator* - 8 Winning Washington Red Values at \$35 or Less

"Bursts with fresh blueberry and black olive flavors up front before slowly building structure and tension toward firm yet refined tannins. Drink now through 2031."

VINEYARD

Sundance Vineyard (100%)

One of the oldest vineyards on the Wahluke Slope, planted in 1997. The site is topsoil over gravel, sand and broken down basalt with more caliche than other sites in the Wahluke. The vineyard, because of its aspect, is also a later ripening site allowing for great concentration.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Wahluke Slope

Production: 3.0 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel Rules, 50 days on skins | 21 months barrel-aged in 30% new French oak puncheons

Wine Analysis: 6.1 g/L titratable acidity, 3.96 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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