



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 & PAST 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 - Top 100 Wines of 2023, No. 86 (v2020)*

"It has an incredibly floral perfume of black and blue fruits, pepper, iron, and crushed stone ... a focused, precision, elegant texture, and a great finish, it's a gem of a Syrah as well as an insane value."

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

"Opens to a nose filled with black raspberry, resinous purple flowers and soft dusty aromas that lift from the glass with pink peppercorn notes ...the wine is still tight and mineral-driven on the palate, with pure flavors of spiced plum skin and dark cherries, a balanced structure and lifting tannins."

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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