



2022 K VINTNERS BRONCHO MALBEC

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Transcendent, purity and temptation... a bold and vivacious voice sing with black raspberry compote, smoked red peppers, cedar box, and black coffee... soothing rhythms of black licorice, violets, gun powder, and black pepper extends this inking dynamic wonderful malbec.

VINTAGE NOTES

2022 was a unique year for wine grapes in Washington State. A slow start due to a late spring eventually balanced out into an even and warm summer, ultimately leading to one of the longest falls we have ever experienced. Our vineyards, which produce great grapes year in and year out, harvested fruit that lent itself to extremely special wines this year. Wines that are firm, bright, and beautiful, with lovely aromas. We're excited to watch them continue to develop and provide enjoyment for years to come!

CURRENT SCORES

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"The 2022 Malbec Broncho opens in a fresh, fruity nose, leading to a rounded, fruit-forward palate of medium-bodied power and structure. The black cherry, dark chocolaty flavors pack a punch but settle on the lengthy finish, seamless in supple tannin and well-integrated, spicy oak."



VINEYARD

Stoneridge Vineyard (100%)

The vineyard has an alluvial fan gravel bed and rests above the flood plain of the Columbia River. Under the topsoil is a layer of caliche and basalt 6-12" deep, creating a calcium and iron rich media that forces roots to struggle. The fruit grown is thick skinned and produces nearly black juice and robust yet supple tannins, adding to the aging potential of the wines.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Malbec

Appellation: Royal Slope

Production: 2.8 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation in French oak tanks, 48 days on skins | 27 months barrel aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques | 419 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.83 pH, 14.0% alcohol, no residual sugar

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