



# 2022 K VINTNERS ROYAL CITY SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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An immediate umami rises with a beacon to the silky wine waiting in the glass. Seaweed, oyster shell, game, soy, all resting on a bed of stone. A wine of majestic blood.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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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

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**98 Points, *Jeb Dunnock***

"A full-bodied explosion of stemmy earthiness and garrigue, the 2022 Syrah Royal City is defined by its undeniable minerality and herbal underpinnings, nearly devoid of fruit. Instead, smoked meat, suede, anise, ash, and sarsaparilla ride a medium to full-bodied profile of understated power and firm, supportive tannin. Cellar through 2040."



## VINEYARD

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**Stoneridge Vineyard (100%)**

Alluvial fan gravel bed, the site 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.

## WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Royal Slope

**Production:** 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel Rules, 53 days on skins | 26 months barrel-aged on lees in 60% new French oak puncheons | 1027 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.89 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100031