



# 2023 K VINTNERS BRONCHO MALBEC



## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2023 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, 2023 is a distinct and lovely vintage and produced fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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**95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (2022 vintage)**

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

**93 Points, *Eric Guido-Vinous* (2021 vintage)**

"...Youthfully restrained, lifting up with hints of black raspberry and peppery florals. It washes across the palate with suave textures and dense waves of intense red fruits and spice, yet unwilling to reveal all of its inner complexities."

## VINEYARD

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**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

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Malbec

**Appellation:** Royal Slope

**Production:** 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation in French oak tanks, 36 days on skins | 25 months barrel aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques | 277 cases produced

**Wine Analysis:** 5.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.67 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar **UPC:** 184745005213