



# 2023 K VINTNERS ROSÉ SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Warm sun, fresh air, a perfect day with Rosé... Wild strawberry, rose hips and orange blossoms envelopes your senses and continues with honey dew, apricot, and Mandarin orange zest... focused and lovely for a delightful moment.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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2023 was the quintessential ugly duckling turned into a beautiful swan kind of vintage—a very long, wet, and cold winter with a fairly significant freeze and little to no spring. Bud break started late April, and to be honest, we were pretty nervous about how this would affect the vintage, but Mother Nature was on our side and gave us one of the most incredible May and June we have ever seen, with temperatures perfect for growing grapes. It continued into July and August with temperate temperatures and kept right on going with a long and perfect harvest for ripening fruit. It was a fantastic year for whites, balanced with great acidity and complexity, but the reds are incredible, as well as dark, bold and incredible tannins—very much a vintage to keep track of in the future.

## CURRENT SCORES

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### 92 Points, *James Suckling*

“A distinctive, nervy, almost meaty wine that opens with fragrant raspberries and watermelon slices, then tighter raspberry and beefy syrah flavors hit the palate. Nicely linear and tense. Drink now.”

### 89 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“The 2023 K Syrah Rosé comes all from the back acre of the Phil Lane Vineyard (which is all Syrah) and is juicy and racy, with bright orange and sour strawberry notes as well as hints of flowers. Medium-bodied, nicely balanced, and enjoyable on the palate, it’s an impeccably made rosé to enjoy over the coming 6-12 months.”

## VINEYARD

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### Phil Lane Vineyard (100%)

Located in the Walla Walla Valley, K’s first estate vineyard and part of the original homestead property. Soil composition consists of Yakima cobbler loam in ancient riverbed. This well-drained site is part of the Mill Creek drainage system, resulting in a cooler climate than other parts of the valley. The vines are trained very low to take advantage of the radiant heat provided by the large cobbles.

## WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 3.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster pressed in stainless steel tank | 3 months aged on lees in stainless steel tanks | 107 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.6 pH, 12.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100185

