

2014 Substance Vineyard Collection Klein 'Bx' Blend

Brooding, shall I say mysterious? There is so much to discover in this wine. Basalt, pipe tobacco, cassis is just the beginning and from then on to be discovered.

Current & Past Scores

98 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (v2013)

"Coming from minuscule yields on the order of 0.8 tons per acre and a blend of 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc, the 2013 Super Substance Klein Vineyard offers classic graphite, dried earth, chocolate and ripe dark fruits to go with a full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, layered and complex pro le on the palate. A wine that might flirt with perfection at maturity, give bottles 4-5 years of cellaring and enjoy over the following two decades."

Vineyard

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

Klein Vineyard: (100%): This vineyard is located at the Southwestern end of the Walla Walla Valley. It's volcanic rock, with thin, wind-blown loess over basalt. The high elevation, 850 feet, means it doesn't freeze and is a fairly windy site. This vineyard produces low yields and powerful, unique wines.

Vintage

2014 had an early spring and a wonderful, long summer with cool nights to help maintain great acidity in the grapes. Going into the Fall, temperatures cooled down quite a bit throughout the state, and we were able to hang the fruit for a long period of time before harvest. This combination allowed us to develop more complex flavors, while still maintaining the acidity to produce bright, focused wines.

Blend

45% Cabernet Sauvignon; 30% Cabernet Franc; 25% Merlot

Appellation

Walla Walla Valley

Production

Yield: 1.3 tons per acre Yeast: native

100% whole berry fermentation

49 days on skins

80% new French oak barriques 28 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

6.1 g/L titratable acidity3.50 pH14.5% Alcohol

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