

# SUBSTANCE

## SUBSTANCE VINEYARD COLLECTION KLEIN 'Bx' BORDEAUX BLEND 2019

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

A treasure to be found, a bounty to be revealed. Power and depth. Ongoing black cassis, volcanic ash, violets. The discovery begins now!



### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it began, with later-than-usual bud break, continuing on to have fairly moderate temperatures throughout the rest of the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze, a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors, and lovely balance.

### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

#### 94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"A bonafide mineral bomb and has medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of blackberries, asphalt, leather, chocolate, and dried herbs. With some grippy tannins, good overall balance, and a great finish, it's another beautiful red blend from this team. Give bottles just a few years and enjoy over the following 15+."

#### 94 Points (+ 'Buy Now: Washington Wines', January 2023), *James Suckling* (v2018)

"Pleasant aromas of ripe red fruit and berries, nutmeg and milk chocolate. Full-bodied with tight tannins. Rich palate with brooding character. Plush and comfortable in its depth and intensity." Cocoa powder and espresso come through... Best after 2023."

#### 92 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* (v2017)

"Opens with a juicy and oaky essence that sways out of the glass with elements of dusty leather, hints of black olive and roasted plum before offering nuances of vanilla, cardamom and resinous purple flowers. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is juicy, with a distinct mineral tension, fine-grained tannins and lingering spice tones ... long, complex and juicy finish."

### VINEYARD

#### 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.

### WINEMAKING

**Varietal Breakdown:** 40% Merlot, 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Cabernet Franc

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 1.9 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, 51 days on skins | 28 months barrel-aged on lees in 65% new French oak barriques | 824 (6-bottle) cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.87 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745003707