

CASASMITH

2020 CASASMITH JACK'S BARBERA

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

From cobble stone rocks of Walla Walla, the expression of Barbera is dignified, charming, and wonderfully brooding. Black plum, palo santo wood, black tea, and fresh sea air linger with an intense finish of cherry, potpourri and an old suede leather jacket. A rare find.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

92 Points, *James Suckling*

You can really smell the Rocks District here. Wet earth, green olives and wild cherries with cardamom. Silky in texture and savory with lightly stemmy and taut tannins and a medium body. Drink or hold.

92 Points, *Eric Guido-Vinous*

"Silky and elegant, it smooths over the palate with ripe red and blue fruits as cooling acidity maintains a lovely inner freshness. Wild blueberry comes together with confectionary spice as this finishes long and lightly structured. This is like no Barbera I've ever tasted, but I'm loving it."

92 Points, *Eric Guido-Vinous (v2019)*

"...from the Rocks District, wildly intense. Dusty rose and cloves give way to crushed black cherries complemented by a zesty twang of citrus. This is soothingly soft and silky on the palate with an elegant wave of ripe red and blue fruits. Juicy acids maintain a wonderfully fresh persona throughout... leaves a pleasant twang of gingery spice to linger. This exotic Barbera is a total pleasure to taste. It was fermented using 25% whole-cluster-fruit, which has really added a textural depth that I'm loving."

VINEYARD

Jack's Vineyard (100%)

Planted in 1999, Jack's Vineyard is a stony, ancient riverbed located on the floor of the Walla Walla Valley. The vineyard features loam-cobbles over gravel over sand. Low vigor keeps flavors concentrated in the rocky soils of this part of the valley.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Barbera

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation in stainless steel rules, 25% stems added back into fermentation | 41 days on skins | 17 months barrel-aged on lees in 25% new French oak barriques | 188 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.89 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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