

CASASMITH

2022 CASASMITH CINGHIALE SANGIOVESE

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Pure expressions of Sangiovese reverberate throughout the glass ... black plum, dried herb, and crushed brick with beats and notes of fresh fig, cherry, forest floor and old campfire ... Tannins are rich but refined ... this is so good, with a cool Sangio vibe.



VINTAGE NOTES

2022 was a unique year for wine grapes in Washington State. A slow start from a late Spring eventually balanced out into an even and warm Summer and ultimately led to one of the longest Falls we have ever seen. Our vineyards, which produce great grapes year in and year out, harvested fruit that lent itself to extremely special wines this year. Wines that are firm, bright, and beautiful, with lovely aromas. We're excited to watch them continue to develop and provide enjoyment for years to come!

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

92 Points, James Suckling

Pretty aromas of lavender, plums and blueberries with a touch of wet earth and rosemary stems. It's medium- to full-bodied with beautiful freshness and surprising minerality for the grape. Delicious now.

92 Points, Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (v2021)

"Fresh, juicy and ripe, ... offers a bright and succulent red-fruited nose with elegant florals and red plums. Medium-bodied ... displays ripe and succulent tart cherries with soft notes of oak that lift the palate. The wine glides to a refined, acid-driven finish that will remain food-friendly for years. Bravo!"

VINEYARDS

Rosebud Vineyard (88%)

This vineyard is at the same location at Wahluke Slope Vineyard and Northridge Vineyard. It 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, creating calcium and iron rich soil.

Northridge Vineyard (12%)

Loamy, fine sand over silica limestone, these ancient soils above the Missoula Flood plain are some of the best to grow fruit. This site is higher elevation and has cooler evenings, which creates later ripening, lots of minerality and concentration. A hidden gem!

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Sangiovese

Appellation: Wahluke Slope

Production: 4.1 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, stainless steel fermentation, 35 days on skins | 10 months barrel-aged on lees in 100% neutral French oak puncheons

Wine Analysis: 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.46 pH, 15% alcohol, no residual sugar

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