



2018 K KING COAL CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Earthy with a capital E. Dark and brooding. Delivering red and black fruit in a mélange of sarsaparilla stick, black licorice, and crushed velvet. Mightily-structured with a commanding presence that is justified by the majesty of this wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was was incredible! This outstanding vintage began mild followed by a long and dry ripening season in the fall. This enabled us to hang the fruit to reach optimal ripeness without losing acidity or increasing sugars. The wines from 2018 are exceptional in many ways, from the great expression of the whites to the beautiful refinement and complexity of the reds. Enjoy!

CURRENT SCORES

98 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“...classic Cabernet tobacco, cedary herbs, and graphite notes, with the Syrah offering a more plush, sexy, seamless style to the wine. Loaded with red and black fruits, toasted spice, and chocolate, full-bodied, concentrated, yet seamless and incredibly pure...”

96 Points, *James Suckling*

“Aromas of currants, mint and cedar with flowers and spices. Full-bodied with firm, polished tannins that have a beautiful silky texture that caresses the palate. Hazelnut and chocolate undertones.”

94 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*

“... aromas of seductive brown baking spices waft from the glass with notions of plum preserves and blackberry skin. Full-bodied and with a bright mineral tension, the palate is focused and precise, offering a balanced and focused structure with succulent acidity and fine-grained tannins before ending with a dusty floral and sweet baking spice finish.”

93 Points, *Owen Bargreen–Vinous*

92 Points, *Tim Fish–Wine Spectator*

VINEYARD

Stoneridge Vineyard (100%)

Alluvial fan gravel bed, the site rests above the flood plain of the Columbia River. Under the topsoil is a layer of caliche and basalt 6-12” deep, creating a calcium and iron rich media that forces roots to struggle.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Syrah

Appellation: Royal Slope

Production: 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon), 100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah), 53 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 58% new French oak barriques | 832 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.95 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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