



2018 K OVIDE CAB SAUV-SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

For my father. Savory as all get out. As a wash of minerality coats your mouth, white pepper, paprika, fresh and dried herbs are your friend. Silky and persistent with a lingering finish to match.



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage 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 & PAST SCORES

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"A spicy, complex nose of ripe blackcurrants, green tobacco, menthol, spice, and new leather gives way to a rich, medium to full-bodied blend with a great mid-palate..."

93 Points, *James Suckling*

"...currant, chocolate and walnut character. It's chewy and tannic and needs time to soften. Should come out beautifully with bottle age."

92 Points, *Wine Advocate—Anthony Mueller*

"...mineral tension before displaying soft baking spice tones of vanilla, cardamom madeleines and nutmeg that sway with elements of pepper, baked earth and blackberry skin. The wine concludes with a long-lingering finish..."

92 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen*

"...yields heady black and red fruit with black tea aromas alongside nice mulling spice tones. Fresh and mineral-driven..."

91 Points, *Wine Spectator—Tim Fish*

"A real bruiser, with broad-shouldered tannins and concentrated currant, river stone and smoky meat accents that build tension on a tightly wound finish..."

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: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) 100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah), 47 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques

Wine Analysis: 5.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.94 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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