



2018 K ROMA CAB SAUV-SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

For my mother. A dark profile immediately appears. Black plum, grilled herbs, blackberry, liquid smoke, cured meat. Elegant with super finesse all coming together on a foundation of wet earth to complete this round, delicious nectar.



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

93+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"opens up slowly with time in the glass, revealing lots of smoky black fruits, tobacco, tapenade, and leafy, herbal nuances. Rich, full-bodied, and concentrated..."

93 Points, *James Suckling*

"A rich red with lots of blackcurrant and dark chocolate. Spice, too. Full-bodied, creamy and juicy. 69% cabernet sauvignon and 31% syrah. Lovely to drink now."

92 Points, *Vinous – Owen Bargreen*

"... Fresh and nicely textured, it delivers shades of smoke and creosote alongside dark cherry and stony undertones on the nose. The palate is full of bright acidity and tension running through a core of wild blackberry, wet stone and orange rind flavors..."

91 Points, *Wine Advocate*

"...opens to a floral and expressive nose. Aromas of plum and cherry compote with cinnamon and black pepper sway with vanilla crème brûlée, juicy black raspberry and dusty purple flowers..."

VINEYARD

River Rock Vineyard (100%)

Owned and farmed by Dana Dibble, planted in 2001. The site is located south of Walla Walla in the old Walla Walla River bed; the soil is rocky and with great drainage. The clone of Syrah sourced is Tablas Creek, which thrives in the big river stone cobble. This is the warmest site in the Walla Walla Valley.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 69% Cabernet Sauvignon 31% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 1.8 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) 100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah), 45 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques

Wine Analysis: 5.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.85 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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