

SUBSTANCE

SUBSTANCE VINEYARD COLLECTION STONERIDGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

A regal robe drapes this cabernet sauvignon in the most gorgeous, brilliant, red-ruby color. Tobacco leaf and pencil lead announce with ash, crush concrete, and toasted herbs in this full attention-commanding elixir. Classic display, classic Cabernet.

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 SCORES

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"... has a ruby/plum hue as well as complex, medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of dried tobacco, baking chocolate, spice box, and tapenade. With beautiful red and black currant fruits, a plush, rounded texture, building tannins, and a great finish ... complex, layered, irresistible..."

92 Points, *James Suckling*

"Plum, cherry, stewed strawberry, vanilla and toffee on the nose. Some moss and bark. It's full-bodied with firm, tight-grained tannins. Juicy and polished with intense, spiced and dried-fruit aromas. Chewy finish. Drink or hold."

92 Points, *Vinous–Owen Bargreen*

"Fresh and nicely textured ... a beautiful, terroir-driven effort that is already very nicely evolved. Stony and salty tones mingle with suggestions of boysenberry and black tea on the palate. Enjoy this outstanding effort over the next decade."

91 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate–Anthony Mueller*

"... has a dark magenta core and aromas of dusty black cherry skin and black tea before elements of vanilla and sweet oak sway from the glass. Medium to full-bodied, the Cabernet is still tight with a firm tannic backbone before offering dark red fruit essences that lingers with a delightfully expressive, mineral-laced finish. Give it one more year in bottle and drink through 2028."

VINEYARD

Stoneridge Vineyard (100%)

The vineyard 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 6-12" deep, creating a calcium and iron rich media that forces roots to struggle. The fruit grown is thick skinned and produces nearly black juice and robust yet supple tannins, adding to the aging potential of the wines.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Royal Slope

Production: 2.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, 48 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 55% new French oak barriques | 820 (half) cases

Wine Analysis: 5.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.94 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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