

CASASMITH

2018 CASASMITH JACK'S BARBERA

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Black roses, cool stone and violets rise from the glass to reveal a complex, full-flavored body. Black fruit, star anise, nori and wet earth envelop the senses as this beautifully textured wine rides on!



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

93 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"The 2018 Barbera Jack's Vineyard is terrific, with lots of mulberry and darker berry fruits to go with plenty of leather, spice, and dried herb notes. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has fine tannins, wonderful balance, and a great finish. If there's a better expression of this variety in the United States, I don't know of it."]

91 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen*

"Deep and intense, the 2018 Barbera Jack's Vineyard evokes shades of blueberry pie with espresso bean, leather and loamy soils on the palate. Enjoy this beautiful wine over the next decade."

VINEYARD

Jack's Vineyard (100%)

Stony, ancient riverbed, located on the floor of the Walla Walla Valley. Very cobbly, Freewater, loam-cobbles over gravel over sand, dried riverbed. In the rocky soils of this part of the valley, low vigor keeps flavors concentrated. Planted in 1999.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Barbera

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 3.1 tons per acre, native yeast, 75% whole berry, 25% whole cluster fermentation, 45 days on skins | 25% new French oak barriques, 18 months barrel-aged on lees | 256 cases produced

Wine Analysis: 5.5 g/L titratable acidity, 3.83 pH, 13% alcohol, no residual sugar

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