



# 2019 K GUIDO SANGIOVESE

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Is this the ONE? Dark and opaque, with aromas of dried roses, black tea, dried cherry, tobacco leaf and a hint of tomato skin. The flavors keep rolling with incredible depth and length: wet clay, black fruits, fresh fig and baked pie crust. So impressive that it must be asked: is this the best Guido ever?!



## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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### 94 Points, *James Suckling*

"Aromas of bright red fruit and berries, roses, tarragon and jasmine tea. Medium-to full-bodied with a ton of energy and drive. Clear and fresh acidity lift up the red fruit and herbs and carry them through the long finish. Delightful. Drink or hold."

### 91 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"The translucent ruby-hued 2019 Sangiovese Guido is solid, and certainly an outstanding expression of the variety. Based on 100% Sangiovese from Jack's Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley, it offers impressive notes of ripe cherries, spice, and dried herbs. Medium-bodied, supple, and elegant on the palate, with silky tannins, it's drinking nicely today, and I see no need to delay gratification."

### 92 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen* (v2018)

### 90 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate—Anthony Mueller* (v2018)

## VINEYARD

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### 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

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Sangiovese

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, 37 days on skins | 40% new French oak barriques, 22 months barrel-aged on lees | 332 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.78 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001314