



2019 K PHIL LANE SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Sometimes the mighty is found in small places. That is the case here: one acre of incredible Syrah in front of the original K Vintners home. Dark and opaque, refined and classic, this wine sings an incredible tune of black cherry, black plum, crushed river rock and grilled herbs. A palate that is defined and focused – let it sit awhile to reflect and meditate on dried tobacco, dusty records and the dim red lights of a late night jazz club.

VINTAGE NOTES

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 SCORES

97 Points, *James Suckling*

“A gorgeous nose of red and black cherries, tarragon, white pepper and nutmeg. Seaweed. Soyo. Full-bodied with tremendous purity and clarity to the fruit. Nuanced. Bright acidity articulates the ripe-strawberry, red-cherry and crushed-blackberry flavors in high definition. Not to mention the ground-spice and dried-flower notes, which add balanced depth and complexity. Beautiful. Umami. Fantastic now, but even better after a few years. Best after 2024.”

96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Rocking levels of blue fruits, cassis, wild strawberries, and violets all emerge from the 2019 Syrah Phil Lane Vineyard, a medium to full-bodied, vibrant Syrah that comes from a tiny estate vineyard located on the eastern side of the Walla Walla Valley. All Syrah that was not destemmed and was brought up in 40% new French oak, the only downside of this cuvée is that it's made in miniscule quantities. I like it today, yet it has a terrific sense of freshness, as well as balance, and is going to have 10-12 years or more of prime drinking.”

VINEYARD

Phil Lane Vineyard (100%)

Located in the Walla Walla Valley, K's first estate vineyard and part of the original homestead property. Soil composition consists of Yakima cobbler loam in ancient riverbed. This well-drained site is part of the Mill Creek drainage system, resulting in a cooler climate than other parts of the valley. The vines are trained very low to take advantage of the radiant heat provided by the large cobbles.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.1 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 52 days on skins | 40% new French oak puncheons, 21 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.8 g/L titratable acidity | 3.9 pH | 13.5% alcohol | no residual sugar

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