



2019 K THE DEAL SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

I am in awe. Where do I start? I am completely fascinated by this wine. It punches way above its weight class. It starts with crushed volcanic rock, black raspberry, mint and fresh ground espresso, then continues on, asking you to explore its complexity with forest floor, black cherry, cedar box, dark soy and crushed fresh grain. This is wonderful. This is grand. This is perfection in a glass!

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 & PAST SCORES

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"An inviting nose of ripe plum, blackberry, blackcurrant and fresh coffee. Medium-to full-bodied with stony mineral character. Velvety tannins. Vanilla and suede come through... Drink or hold."

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"...offers up a more finesse-driven, seamless style as well as full-bodied richness, ultra-fine tannins, and perfumed notes of both red and black fruits as well as some graphite and peppery herb nuances. Beautifully balanced and elegant, with moderate acidity and terrific finish..."

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

"Unmistakable on the nose ... aromas of black fruit, roasted plums, hints of black pepper and smoked meat while roasted herbs and wilted red flowers sway out of the glass. Medium to full-bodied, the wine displays balance and a delightful texture before revealing fine-grained tannins over the mid-palate ... [concluding] with a burst of floral and succulent fruit essences."

VINEYARD

Sundance Vineyard (100%)

One of the oldest vineyards on the Wahluke Slope, planted in 1997. The site is topsoil over gravel, sand and broken down basalt with more caliche than other sites in the Wahluke. The vineyard, because of its aspect, is also a later ripening site allowing for great concentration.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Wahluke Slope

Production: 2.9 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 45 days on skins | 31% new French oak puncheons, 22 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.93 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

UPC: 184745100048

