

# 2018 K GUIDO SANGIOVESE

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

From the dark, brick color and vivid transparency, this is a stunner. Aromatically inviting Italian cherry, pine needles and tobacco leaf. An inherent sweetness that amplifies the cool stone, black raspberry, forest floor as more nuances unfold. Deeply enjoyable and thought-provoking. What am I thinking? More, please!



## **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 & PAST SCORES**

#### 92 Points, Vinous-Owen Bargreen

"... Plump and ripe in the mouth, it takes on nicely salty undertones alongside Bing cherry, red raspberry coulis and Asian spice undertones on the juicy, bright palate. Enjoy this fantastic Washington Sangiovese over the next seven years."

### 92 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

"... This translucent ruby-hued 2018 offers up a perfumed bouquet of sweet red fruits (cherries, strawberries) intermixed with lots of spice, herbes de Provence, and salted meat notes. Its oak is nicely integrated, it's medium to full-bodied, and it has a seamless texture as well as a beautiful finish..."

### 90 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate–Anthony Mueller

"... Elements of dried cherries, black raspberry reduction and stewed plum waft with caramel and red licorice elements. Medium to full-bodied, the wine displays a kiss of residual sugar with soft elements of kettle corn, roasted nuts and baked cherries..."

## VINEYARD

### 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

#### Varietal Breakdown: 100% Sangiovese

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 3.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, 43 days on skins | 21 months barrel-aged on lees in 40% new French oak barriques
Wine Analysis: 5.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.85 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar
UPC: 184745001314