



2019 K CATTLE KING SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

No giving up here. Rough and tumble with a sweet caress. Black cherry, black olive, lavender, and forest floor release with unbelievably seamless tension into blueberry, wild berries, grilled bread, and uncanny length. Truly a legend!

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, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Another full-bodied, rich, concentrated, powerful wine in the lineup, the 2019 Syrah Cattle King is all varietal and comes from the Upland Vineyard in the Snipes Mountain AVA. Not destemmed and aged in 50% new French oak, it offers a brilliant perfume of darker berry and cassis fruits as well as notes of ground pepper, chalky minerality, and graphite, which turns more floral and peppery with time in the glass. It’s a classic Washington State Syrah with tons of charm. It’s certainly approachable today yet will benefit from just a few years of bottle age and keep for over a decade.”

95 Points, *James Suckling*

“Aromas of pine, black cherry and sage. Full-bodied with silky, peppered tannins. Chock full of peppercorn spice and bright, berry acidity. There is so much energy here. Balanced, with excellent intensity and length. Drink or hold.”

93 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen* (v2018)

90 Points, *Wine Spectator—Tim Fish* (v2018)

VINEYARD

Upland Vineyard (100%)

Located in the Snipes Mountain AVA in the heart of the Yakima Valley. With slopes facing in all four cardinal directions and an elevation that ranges from 750 to 1300 feet, Upland is some of the oldest and most diverse soils in the state - ancient, rocky soils mostly untouched by the Missoula Floods.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Snipes Mountain

Production: 2.6 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 41 days on skins | 50% new French oak Puncheons, 22 months barrel-aged on lees | 550 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.9 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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