

CASASMITH

2019 CASASMITH JACK'S BARBERA

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Rarefied air. Barbera as it should be. Wet stone, cedar, bone marrow, pomegranate, and tea. Expansive and dignified – a tour de force from the dried riverbeds of Walla Walla!

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

92 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous*

“...from the Rocks District, wildly intense. Dusty rose and cloves give way to crushed black cherries complemented by a zesty twang of citrus. This is soothingly soft and silky on the palate with an elegant wave of ripe red and blue fruits. Juicy acids maintain a wonderfully fresh persona throughout... leaves a pleasant twang of gingery spice to linger. This exotic Barbera is a total pleasure to taste. It was fermented using 25% whole-cluster-fruit, which has really added a textural depth that I’m loving.”

92 Points, *James Suckling*

“Bright and inviting aromas of red cherries, ripe strawberries and roses. Medium-bodied with well-integrated tannins. Bright and fresh on the palate with vibrant acidity and nuance. Tasty stuff. Drink now.”

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

“...rocky with a meaty and mineral essence and is marked with a savory notion with hints of iodine. Medium-bodied, balanced and fresh with a ripe and plummy core, the wine ends with a juicy and floral finish that is succulent and food-friendly.”

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% Barbera

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 3.0 tons per acre, native yeast, 25% whole cluster fermentation, 49 days on skins | 18 months barrel-aged on lees in 25% new French oak barriques | 261 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.0 g/L titratable acidity, 3.91 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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