

CASASMITH

2021 CASASMITH CERVO BARBERA

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Dense and impressive. The aroma builds with black rose, red cherry, and mushroom notes. Lavender, beach sand, and lava rock flavors. An all-encompassing wine that brings out the word WOW!

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. Bud break started early due to nice weather and moderate temperatures, then June was one of the warmest in recorded history, resulting in very small berries. Veraison and the beginning of the ripening season were nice and even, leading to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2021 is a distinct and lovely vintage, producing fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

CURRENT SCORES

93 Points, Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate

“...juicy, fresh and plummy with ripe aromas of black cherry and hints of dusty florals. Full-bodied, fresh and juicy, the wine offers a spicy and succulent mouthfeel on the palate and concludes with a bright, focused finish that will remain food friendly for over a decade.”

91 Points, James Suckling

“Cherries, dried flowers, black beans and honeycomb on the nose. It’s full-bodied, creamy and so drinkable, with supple tannins and a soft finish. Excellent freshness, too. Delicious now.”

90 Points, Eric Guido–Vinous

“Woodsy and spicy in the glass, the 2021 Barbera Cervo wafts up to show crushed raspberries offset by minty herbs and hints of worn leather. It’s silky and pliant with juicy acidity and ripe cherry-berry fruits. This finishes remarkably fresh and floral, leaving nuances of licorice to linger on. Frankly, this is a lot of fun to taste.”

VINEYARD

Northridge Vineyard (100%)

Loamy, fine sand over silica limestone, these ancient soils above the Missoula Flood plain are some of the best to grow fruit. This site is higher elevation and has cooler evenings, which creates later ripening, lots of minerality and concentration. A hidden gem!

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Barbera

Appellation: Wahluke Slope

Production: 2.9 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, stainless steel fermentation, 38 days on skins | 9 months barrel-aged on lees in 100% neutral French oak puncheons

Wine Analysis: 6.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.6 pH, 15% alcohol, no residual sugar

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