



2020 K CATTLE KING SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

This one rides the range with notes of grilled meat, dried herbs, wild sarsaparilla, white pepper and a whisper of menthol. Dusty, taunting and moody. Baked rock, earthy licorice, black cherry compote, with a lightness of being. Lively, dense and enticing. It goes the distance.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT SCORES

95-97 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous*

“Spicy and floral in the glass, with masses of crushed violets and black raspberry offset by smoky sage, rosemary and cocoa. This flows across the palate with a wave of ripe red and blue-toned berries offset by brisk acidity and a hint of sour citrus, adding contrast toward the close. It tapers off with a black hole of structure, seeming to fold in upon itself while tugging at the cheeks, as purple-toned inner florals and salted licorice resonate throughout. Wow. Bury your bottles deep, and then reap the rewards.”

96 Points, *James Suckling*

“This shows earthy character, together with purple fruit, violets, anisette, crushed rosemary and cured meat. Full and chewy with firm and tight tannins that last for minutes. A deep core of dark fruit underneath and a velvety, chocolatey finish. Try from 2026.”

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

“Dense, dark and brooding... firmly layered with dusty notions of spicy blackberry skin and resinous purple flowers with hints of savory herbs. Full-bodied, fresh and food-friendly, the wine features a delightful tart black cherry note across the palate with succulent acidity and fine-grained tannins that will either need time in bottle or food in youth. Enjoy young with barbecue, or allow it to rest in the cellar until 2026.”

94+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Firm, focused, almost austere 2020 that has terrific dark fruits, some iron and some earthy, mineral nuances, medium to full body, ripe yet building tannins, and outstanding length. Give bottles 2-4 years.”

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: 1.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel rules | 51 days on skins | 21 months aged on lees in 50% new French oak puncheons | 241 cases

Wine Analysis: 6.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.89 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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