



# 2020 K VINTNERS KING COAL CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Dark, moonlit night with the mystery of a vast ocean. Black cherry entangled in fresh tobacco, cacao bean, wet rock, and dried thyme with the strength, pushing forward the notes of savory compote, leather. Deeper than a crush.

### 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

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

“...firmer, darker and fresh with notes of pencil shavings and a juicy and generous core of spicy dark fruits, with delicate dusty red flowers, delightful brown baking spices and dark berries. Buy it, put it directly into your cellar, and forget about it for at least four years. It will go the distance; just be patient.”

#### 97 Points, *James Suckling*

“Meaty and dark-fruited with blackcurrants, peppercorns and charcuterie on the nose. Full-bodied, chewy and firm, with a deep and intense core. Turns to salted chocolate. Pulls you in for more. Better from 2025.”

#### 97 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Dried herbs, lead pencil, graphite, cassis, and spicy wood notes give way to a medium to full-bodied, seamless, silky, incredibly layered 2020 that has ripe, polished tannins, beautiful balance, and a great finish.”

#### 91 Points, *Wine Spectator*

“Tightly wound at the moment, with a core of tannins and snappy acidity, this red is framed by currant, cherry and tobacco flavors that build tension on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Drink now through 2030. 858 cases made.”

### VINEYARD

#### Stoneridge Vineyard (100%)

Alluvial fan gravel bed, the site rests above the flood plain of the Columbia River. Under the topsoil is a layer of caliche and basalt 6-12” deep, creating a calcium and iron rich media that forces roots to struggle.

### WINEMAKING

**Varietal Breakdown:** 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Syrah

**Appellation:** Royal Slope

**Production:** 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 76% whole berry co-fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) / 24% whole cluster co-fermentation (Syrah) in French oak tanks, 47 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 60% new French oak barriques | 858 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.8 g/L titratable acidity, 3.89 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100079

