



2021 K VINTNERS CATTLE KING SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Red and black raspberry, Asian spice, with delicious structure, a go-go. A velvety texture that rides on and on.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. It started with an early bud break due to nice weather and moderate temperatures. 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, creating a beautiful, extended ripening season that led to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2021 is a distinct and lovely vintage and produced fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

CURRENT SCORES

97+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"The 2021 Syrah Cattle King comes from the Snipes Mountain AVA and is an inky-hued, full-bodied, powerful effort that's going to benefit from bottle age. Ripe black and blue fruits, ground pepper, smoked meats, and violets all shine here, and it has plenty of tannins, remarkable purity, and serious length on the finish. I'd hide bottles for 3-4 years if possible, and it should evolve gracefully over the following decade or so"

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"Grown on a hillside thick with cobblestones from an ancient riverbed, the wine is absolutely saturated in blackberries, black cherries, star anise and black pepper. The wine has great structure from being grown on Snipes Mountain and aged in 50% new oak puncheons. Best from 2028."

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 in stainless steel Rules | 45 days on skins | 22 months aged on lees in 50% new French oak puncheons | 432 cases

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

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