



2012 K THE CREATOR

It has everything! It's hard to let go of the nose. Warm earth, under growth. Mouth filling suede, ethereal. This wine completes me.

BLEND

72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Syrah

APPELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

PRODUCTION

Yield: 2 Tons Per Acre

Whole Cluster Syrah

Whole Berry Cabernet Sauvignon

Confermentation

Yeasts: Native

48 Days on Skins

70% New French Oak Barrique

22 Months in Barrel on Lees

WINE ANALYSIS

5.2 g/L Total Acidity

3.92 pH

14.5% Alcohol

UPC

184745100017

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

95 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"Leading off the Bordeaux blends, the 2012 The Creator (mostly Cabernet Sauvignon, yet with 30% Syrah) exhibits lots of tobacco leaf, damp herbs and wet stone-like notes to go with a core of cassis, graphite and lead pencil. Coming 58% from the River Rock Vineyard and 42% from Jack's Vineyard (both of which are in Walla Walla), this full-bodied, classically structured, age-worthy 2012 will have upward of two decades of longevity."

94 Points, *Wine Spectator*

"Supple, expressive, polished and generous, with layers of dark berry, cherry, black olive and spice flavors that merge harmoniously on the long and refined finish. Drink now through 2022." - Harvey Steiman

VINEYARDS

River Rock: Owned and farmed by Dana Dibble, planted in 2001. The site is located south of Walla Walla in the old Walla Walla River bed; the soil is rocky and with great drainage. The clone of Syrah sourced is Tablas Creek, which thrives in the big river stone cobble. This is the warmest site in the Walla Walla Valley.

Jack's Vineyard: Planted in 1999, Jack's vineyard is very a stony, ancient riverbed, located on the floor of the Walla Walla Valley. This vineyard is 80% Sangiovese and 20% Syrah. Very cobbly, Freewater loam, with cobbles over gravel, which lay over sandy-dried riverbeds. In the rocky soils of this part of the Valley, low vigor keeps flavors concentrated.

VINTAGE:

Washington vintners were overjoyed at what they tasted after a growing season that tracked very much like 2008, one of the best vintages in memory. Depth of color and flavor in an abundant crop that retained its desired acidity seem to have put a smile on most winemakers' faces. Following several cooler vintages, 2012 allowed the vines to ripen normally. The waves of fruit came in smoothly. Fruit could hang longer without worrying about getting too ripe. The steady ripening also allowed for beautiful structure and elegance.



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