



## 2012 CASA SMITH JACK'S BARBERA

*From my historical home. Grown in Jack's Vineyard, the cobblestone strewn vineyard in Walla Walla. Twenty-year old vines, low yields, 26 months barrel aged. Deeply complex wine. Great depth and length. Ground breaking wine. Destined to be a classic.*

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### BLEND

100% Barbera

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### APPELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

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### PRODUCTION

Yield: 2.5 Tons Per Acre  
100% Whole Cluster Fermentation  
Yeast: Native  
53 Days on Skins  
40% New French Oak  
26 Months Barrel-Aged on Lees

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### WINE ANALYSIS

5.9 g/L Titratable Acidity  
3.5 pH  
14.5% Alcohol

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### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

#### **93 Points, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate**

"A perfumed, elegant, beautifully complex red (I can't say it really screams Barbera though...Pinot Noir or Grenache would be my guess in a blind tasting), the 2012 Barbera Jack's Vineyard started out slightly reduced and closed, but man did it open up beautifully with time in the glass, and it really didn't start firing on all cylinders until the second day. Its medium ruby color is followed by a nuanced perfume of ripe strawberries, kirsch liqueur, spice-box, herbes de Provence and charcuterie. Seamless, medium bodied, ethereally textured and ultra-fine, it's drinking great today, yet I suspect it will keep nicely for 4-5 years."

#### **93 Points, Wine Enthusiast**

"What's this? Single-vineyard Barbera coming from The Rocks District? It's a stunner, with notes of crushed rock and gravel, red and black currants and smoke that show outrageous minerality. The mouthfeel is flat out stunning, showing subtlety and suppleness, with fruit and savory flavors lingering on the finish."

### VINEYARD

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

**Jack's Vineyard:** Stony, ancient riverbed, located on the floor of the Walla Walla Valley. Very cobbly, Freewater, loam-cobbles over gravel over sand, dried riverbed. In the rocky soils of this part of the valley, low vigor keeps flavors concentrated. Planted in 1999.

### 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 seems to have put a smile on most winemaker's 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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