



## 2013 K ROCK GARDEN SYRAH

*Asian five spice, black plum, and cool ash - that's just the nose. It pushes on to a palate of raw meat and cured olive saturated in an unctuous deep mouthfeel. From the Rocks. It Rocks!*

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### BLEND

100% Syrah

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### APPELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

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### PRODUCTION

Yield: 1.9 Tons per Acre

Yeast: Native

44 Days on Skins

25% New French Oak

20 Months Barrel-Aged

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### WINE ANALYSIS

6.6 g/L Titratable Acidity

4.03 pH

14.0% Alcohol

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### UPC

184745001383

### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

#### 95 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"More Northern Rhone in style, with lots of red and black fruits, olive, peppered meats and sweet fruit, the 2013 Syrah Rock Garden is seamless, downright sexy and layered on the palate, with a voluptuous, yet classy and focused texture. Like all of the Rhone blends from this estate, it was fermented with 100% whole clusters and aged mostly in neutral barrels and puncheons. Give bottles a year or two and enjoy over the following decade."

#### 97 Points, *Wine Spectator (2012 vintage)*

"Dense, rich, ripe and expressive, offering a feast of plum and black currant flavors, with ripe pear, honey and floral overtones as the mineral finish wells up with intensity and harmony. Shows tremendous presence and depth. Best from 2017 through 2025."

### VINEYARD

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

**Rock Garden:** Planted in 2006, in the cobblestones of the rocks in Walla Walla and Freewater with very cobble loam soil. With high density planting at six by four feet, both Phelps and Tablas Creek clones are planted in the ten-acre site. This is a beautiful spot that produces very distinctive wines.

### VINTAGE

The warmest vintage since 2003 cooled off just in time for harvest. The resulting wines were less likely to tip over into overripe favors or high alcohol levels, and picking proceeded at a normal pace. Total tonnage was up about 5 percent over 2012, a record for the state. 2013 made us thank Sweet Baby Jesus that our white wine vineyards are cool sites at higher elevation. The very warm vintage cooled down in mid-September allowing us to pick at the perfect moment in the first week of October. This gave us generous full favored wine while still keeping focus.



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