



# 2013 K CHARLOTTE

*Highly perfumed and elegant. A sublime wine of great complexity and nuance. Stone, olive, kirsch and spice undertones. Such a singular wine for my beautiful daughter, Charlotte.*

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## BLEND

45% Mourvèdre, 31% Grenache,  
12% Syrah, 8% Counoise, 2% Grenache  
Blanc, 2% Picpoul

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## APPELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

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## PRODUCTION

Yield: 1.8 Tons per Acre  
100% Whole Cluster  
Yeast: Native  
Co-Fermented  
48 Days on Skins  
100% Neutral Oak  
30 Months Aged on Lees in Puncheons

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## WINE ANALYSIS

0.60 g/100mL Titratable Acidity  
4.03 pH  
14.5% Alcohol

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## UPC

184745001390

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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

"A new, tiny production cuvee named after Charles' Daughter, the 2013 Charlotte checks in as a blend of 45% Mourvèdre, 31% Grenache, 12% Syrah, 8% Counoise and the rest Grenache Blanc and Picpoul, which was all harvested at the same time and co-fermented. They purposely hang a touch more crop on the Syrah to help the ripening even out. One of the more elegant, perfumed and complex releases in the lineup, it gives up perfumed notes of rose petals, kirsch, framboise, olives and dried herbs on the nose. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, seamless and downright silky, with fine, fine tannin and a great finish. This is high class stuff to enjoy anytime over the coming decade."

## VINEYARD

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

**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.

**Rock Garden:** Planted in 2006, in the cobblestones of the rocks in Walla Walla and Freewater with very cobble loam soil. With a 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.

**Morrison Lane:** Oldest Syrah plantings in the Walla Walla Valley, southeastern facing slopes, slightly cooler site in the foothills of the Blue Mountains. Soil composition consists of Touchet silt loam and riverwash, sandy loam with coarse sand and gravel. Planted in 1984.

## 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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