



2012 K THE HUSTLER

First release of the decade for this 38-month barrel aged Syrah. It opens with black walnut, candied fruit and salty plum. Massive stone and earth on the palate. One sip and away we go!

BLEND

100% Syrah

APPELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

PRODUCTION

100% Whole Cluster Fermentation

Yeasts: Native

45 Days on Skins

100% New French Puncheons

38 Months Barrel-Aged on Lees

WINE ANALYSIS

0.58 g/100mL Titratable Acidity

3.62 pH

14.5% Alcohol

UPC

184745001338

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

95-97 Points, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*

"Still in barrel at the time of this tasting, the 2012 Syrah The Hustler is a blockbuster-styled Syrah that's overflowing with notions of sweet red and black fruits, toasted bread, cured meats and cedar. Only made in special vintages (it was previously made in '03, '07 and '09) and aged 38 months in French oak, it's full-bodied, decadent and layered, with a weightless, elegant, seamless feel. Coming all from the Morrison Lane Vineyard (it's actually the Morrison Lane Syrah with extended barrel aging), it should be ready to go on release and dish out tons of pleasure over the following decade or more. The extended elevage has given this a more upfront feel, yet I suspect it will also allow it age more slowly as well."

VINEYARD

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

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

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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